

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

—OF THE—

# White River Annual Conference

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## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

—HELD AT—

Paragould, Ark., Nov. 18-23, 1896.

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BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD, President, San Francisco, California.  
REV. Z. T. BENNETT, Secretary, Paragould, Arkansas.  
REV. L. C. CRAIG and F. M. Daniel, Assistant Secretaries.

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## ROLL OF MEMBERS, 1896.

| NAME.                     | Date of admission | NAME.                  | Date of admission |
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| Robert G. Brittain.....   | 1848              | John Eidson.....       | 1889              |
| George A. Dannelly.....   | 1852              | William E. Bishop..... | 1890              |
| Henry T. Gregory.....     | 1866              | S. F. Brown.....       | 1890              |
| John H. Dye.....          | 1867              | W. S. Southworth.....  | 1890              |
| Wm. M. Watson.....        | 1867              | Luther C. Craig.....   | 1890              |
| Wm. R. Foster.....        | 1871              | A. C. Graham.....      | 1891              |
| John F. Armstrong.....    | 1871              | J. W. Watson.....      | 1891              |
| James M. Talkington.....  | 1873              | R. C. Morehead.....    | 1891              |
| Jeff J. Alexander.....    | 1873              | F. Barrett.....        | 1892              |
| Zachary T. Bennett.....   | 1876              | I. B. Manly.....       | 1892              |
| James F. Jernigan.....    | 1876              | N. E. Gardner.....     | 1892              |
| Frank Ritter.....         | 1876              | H. E. May.....         | 1892              |
| Samuel L. Cochran.....    | 1876              | W. D. Ellis.....       | 1892              |
| Milton B. Umsted.....     | 1876              | E. N. Bickley.....     | 1892              |
| Alonzo C. Griffin.....    | 1877              | H. C. Edmonson.....    | 1892              |
| Nicholas E. Skinner.....  | 1879              | Sidney H. Babcock..... | 1893              |
| John S. Watson.....       | 1879              | Fay C. Sterling.....   | 1893              |
| Matthew M. Smith.....     | 1879              | Thomas A. Bowen.....   | 1893              |
| Francis E. Taylor.....    | 1881              | William J. Vick.....   | 1893              |
| Franklin R. Noe.....      | 1882              | Wilton C. Toombs.....  | 1893              |
| Joseph S. Brooke.....     | 1882              | W. F. Walker.....      | 1894              |
| John C. Ritter.....       | 1882              | J. B. McDonald.....    | 1894              |
| Stephen W. Register.....  | 1882              | J. K. Farris.....      | 1894              |
| Wm. W. Anderson.....      | 1883              | A. E. Holloway.....    | 1894              |
| Francis A. Jeffett.....   | 1883              | W. C. Davidson.....    | 1894              |
| Stephen D. Evans.....     | 1884              | A. F. Skinner.....     | 1895              |
| John I. Maynard.....      | 1885              | J. D. Sibert.....      | 1895              |
| James R. Edwards.....     | 1885              | W. E. Hall.....        | 1895              |
| James D. Rutledge.....    | 1885              | W. E. Webb.....        | 1895              |
| Alex M. R. Branson.....   | 1886              | Julien C. Brown.....   | 1895              |
| Thomas Whitaker.....      | 1886              | M. B. Corrigan.....    | 1896              |
| Wm. A. Pendergrass.....   | 1886              | J. M. Thrasher.....    | 1896              |
| Thomas J. Settle.....     | 1887              | W. B. Roe.....         | 1896              |
| Robert H. Grissett.....   | 1888              | E. N. Pitts.....       | 1896              |
| Prentis B. Wallis.....    | 1888              | George Wilkerson.....  | 1896              |
| Thomas B. Williamson..... | 1888              | W. B. Ricks.....       | 1896              |
| Ellison M. Davis.....     | 1888              | W. H. Batton.....      | 1896              |
| Wilson W. Hendrix.....    | 1888              | Fred Little.....       | 1896              |
| Francis M. Smith.....     | 1889              | H. H. Hunt.....        | 1896              |
| Richard M. Manly.....     | 1889              |                        |                   |

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#### FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18, 1896.

**T**HE White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its twenty-seventh session in the M. E. Church, South, in the City of Paragould, Ark., at 9 a. m., November the 18th, 1896, Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald presiding and conducting the opening exercises.

Z. T. Bennett, secretary of the Conference at its last session, called the roll and the following members and delegates answered to their names:

#### MEMBERS.

Robert G. Brittain; Henry T. Gregory, Wm. M. Watson, W. R. Foster, John F. Armstrong, James M. Talkington, Zachary T. Bennett, James F. Jernigan, Frank Ritter, Samuel L. Cochran,

Milton B. Umsted, Alonzo C. Griffin, Nicholas E. Skinner, John S. Watson, Matthew M. Smith, Francis E. Taylor, Franklin R. Noe, Joseph S. Brooke, John C. Ritter, Stephen W. Register, Wm. W. Anderson, Francis A. Jeffett, John I. Maynard, James R. Edwards, Alex. M. R. Branson, Thomas Whitaker, Wm. A. Pendergrass, Robert H. Grissett, Prentiss B. Wallis, Thomas B. Williamson, Francis M. Smith, John Eidson, S. F. Brown, W. S. Southworth, Luther C. Craig, A. C. Graham, J. W. Watson, R. C. Morehead, H. L. Bugg, Frank Barrett, I. B. Manly, N. E. Gardner, H. E. May, W. D. Ellis, H. C. Edmonson, Sidney H. Babcock, Thomas A. Bowen, Wilton C. Toombs, J. B. McDonald, J. K. Farris, W. C. Davidson, A. F. Skinner, J. D. Sibert, W. E. Hall, Julien C. Brown.

DELEGATES.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Rev. E. D. Farrish.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—F. Koser, M. F. Collier, J. W. Rooks.

Rev. H. F. Blythe and E. J. Williams, alternates.

NEWPORT DISTRICT—W. Conner, J. W. Coffman.

Z. T. Bennett was elected secretary, and upon his nomination L. C. Craig, W. C. Davidson and F. M. Daniel were elected assistant secretaries.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first five rows of double pews on either side of the middle aisle, and the Conference voted to meet daily at 8:30 a. m. and adjourn at 11:45 a. m.

On nomination of the Presiding Elders, the following standing committees were elected:

PUBLIC WORSHIP—Frank Ritter, Z. T. Bennett, M. F. Collier.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—S. H. Babcock, S. F. Brown, N. E. Skinner.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—J. I. Maynard, W. A. Pendergrass, J. D. Sibert, J. B. McDonald, F. M. Smith, John Eidson and F. E. Taylor.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS—Frank Barrett, W. E. Davidson, Geo. P. Murrell.

BIBLE CAUSE—Fred Little, J. S. Brooke, J. H. Clark.

TEMPERANCE—W. W. Anderson, R. R. James, E. M. Davis.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—M. B. Umsted, W. C. Davidson, I. B. Manly.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH—J. K. Farris, E. N. Pitts, A. C. Griffin.

MEMOIRS—J. H. Dye, J. M. Talkington, W. M. Watson.

COLPORTAGE- A. C. Graham, J. S. Watson, T. A. Bowen.

Drs. J. D. Barbee, book agent, J. J. Tigert, editor of Methodist Review, J. E. Godbev, editor of Arkansas Methodist, A. C. Millar, Hendrix College, Andrew Hunter of Little Rock Conference, and Revs. Grundy, Presbyterian Sunday School Evangelist, A. P. Saffold, of St. Louis Conference, H. B. Cox and E. W. Scott, of the Methodist Protestant Church, Jno. D. Woodin, of the Christian Church, and Mr. J. M. Workman, of the Arkansas Methodist, were introduced to the Conference.

A communication from the Agents of the Publishing House and one from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, were referred without reading.

Dr. Tigert addressed the Conference in the interest of the Methodist Review.

President Millar made a few remarks concerning Hendrix College and the Preachers' Institute.

Under call of Question 1, Who are admitted on trial?

William M. Wilson and Edward H. Wallis, recommended by the Helena District Conference; William P. Talkington, William M. Findley, Keener R. Durham, and Drury H. Colquette, recommended by the Searcy District Conference; James T. Seaton and Zebedee D. Lindsey, recommended by the Jonesboro District Conference, were respectively presented, and their examinations being approved, they were admitted on trial.

Under call of Question 2, Who remain on trial?

John W. Harper, George G. Davidson, Thomas J. Taylor, Herschel V. Johnson, and J. M. Williams reported their charges, their characters were passed, their examinations approved and they were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year.

William T. Mesecher reported his charge, his character passed, and he was discontinued at his own request.

James G. Parker reported his charge, and not being before the committee, his character passed, and he was continued on trial in the class of the 1st year.

The committee on Public Worship announced that Rev. R. G. Brittain would preach in the Methodist church at 3 p. m., Dr. J. J. Tigert at 7 p. m., and Rev. A. M. R. Branson at the Christian church at 7 p. m.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Andrew Hunter.

**SECOND DAY.**

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THURSDAY, Nov. 19, 1896.

Conference was called to order by Bishop Fitzgerald at 8:30 a. m. and the opening religious services were conducted by A. C. Griffin.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with for other days of the Conference.

E. N. Bickley was entered as present. J. H. Clark, delegate from Searcy District, Rev. H. T. Rainey and R. R. James, delegates from Helena District, were announced as present.

A communication from the Secretary of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society was read and referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

Under call of Question 20.

Character of W. W. Hendrix passed, and on account of ill health, he was referred to Committee on Conference Relations, for the supernumerary relation. The names of G. A. Dannelly, R. M. Manly, J. C. Ritter, J. J. Alexander and J. D. Rutledge were called, their characters passed, and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

Revs. E. M. Pipkin, agent for the American Bible Society; J. L. Bowling, of St. Louis Conference; W. B. Palmore, editor St. Louis Advocate; G. W. Hill, agent for Hendrix College, and C. D. McSwain, of Little Rock Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Bro. McSwain addressed the Conference briefly in behalf of L. R. Conference Training School at Fordyce.

A communication from Secretary of Church Extension was referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

The name of R. G. Brittain was added to the Temperance Committee.

Under Question 2

T. W. Fisackerly and W. W. Gibson reported their charges, their examinations being approved, their characters passed, they were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the 2nd year.

Under call of Question 4

W. B. Roe, E. N. Pitts, George Wilkerson, W. B. Ricks, and W. H. Batton reported their charges, their examinations were approved, their characters were passed, and they were admitted into full connection.

Fred Little reported his charge, his examination was approved, his character passed, he was elected Deacon, and admitted into full connection.

The President announced as the special order for 9:30 a. m. to-morrow the address to the class for admission into full connection.

It was also announced as the special order for 10:30 a. m. to-morrow a Missionary Rally.

On motion of the Secretary, Conference voted to adjourn at 11:30 to-day in order to have a photograph of the Conference taken.

Under Question 20, the name of W. R. Foster was called. He reported his charge, and on motion of Frank Ritter, his Presiding Elder, he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

H. L. Bugg's name was called, his Presiding Elder stated that Bro. Bugg did not serve his work, but was not censurable, and moved that his character pass. S. L. Cochran charged Bro. Bugg with preaching heresy, and asked for a committee of investigation. Bro. Bugg made some statements in his own behalf, and the President appointed R. G. Brittain, M. B. Umsted and S. H. Babcock as the committee

Dr. Barbee addressed the Conference in behalf of the Publishing House.

The Committee on Public worship announced that Rev. C. D. McSwain would preach at the Methodist church at 3 p. m., Dr. Barbee at 7 p. m., and Rev. Thos. Whitaker at the Baptist church at 7 p. m.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned at 11:30 with benediction by Dr. J. E. Godbey.

### **THIRD DAY.**

FRIDAY, Nov. 20, 1896.

Conference was opened at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair, and conducting the opening religious services; W. W. Anderson led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

F. M. Daniels, delegate from Newport District, was announced as present.

J. B. McDonald's name was added to the Committee on Memoirs.

Under Question 7, A. F. Skinner, J. D. Sibert, H. E. May

and J. B. McDonald reported their charges, their examinations were approved, their characters were passed, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

W. E. Hall and E. M. Davis reported their charges, their characters were passed, not having been before the committee, they were continued in the class of the third year.

W. E. Webb's character passed, and he was located at his own request.

E. P. Crowe's work was reported by his Presiding Elder and the President announced he was transferred to the Louisville Conference.

M. M. Smith presented the name of Joseph D. Woodin, a minister from the Christian Church, for reception into the Conference, but after considerable discussion, his name was withdrawn.

The special order of business for 9:30 having been postponed by consent of the Conference, at 10:00 o'clock W. B. Roe, W. B. Ricks, E. N. Pitts, George Wilkerson, W. H. Batton and Fred Little were called before the chancel, and after answering the usual disciplinary questions, propounded by the Bishop in a very uncouth appropriate manner, they were severally admitted into full connection.

At 11:00 o'clock Rev. W. B. Ricks led in the Missionary Rally, and very appropriate, stirring addresses were made by M. M. Smith, Frank Ritter, S. H. Babcock and Bishop Fitzgerald. Dr. W. B. Palmore led in prayer.

Rev. S. H. Babcock and Julien C Brown were added to the Conference Board of Education instead of H. M. Cryer and J. B. Stevenson.

H. C. Edmonson was added to the Committee on District Conference Journals.

John Eidson was added to Temperance Committee instead of R. G. Brittain.

Committee on Public Worship announced that Dr. Hunter would preach in the Methodist church at 3 p. m., and that Rev. S. H. Babcock and Dr. W. B. Palmore would deliver addresses at the Missionary Anniversary in the Methodist church at 7 p. m. and W. W. Anderson would preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at 7 p. m.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Fitzgerald.

**FOURTH DAY.**

SATURDAY, Nov. 21, 1896.

Conference was called to order at 8:30 a. m. by the President, who conducted the opening services—M. B. Umsted leading in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. G. A. Dannelly and Dr. J. H. Dye were reported present.

The Committee of Investigation in the case of H. L. Bugg reported as follows:

"We, the committee appointed to investigate complaints against Bro. H. L. Bugg, report that after careful examination of all the evidence we find there is not sufficient ground for a trial.

R. G. Brittain,  
S. H. Babcock,  
M. B. Umsted."

Then the character of Bro. Bugg was passed and he was located on the ground of non-adaptability

Frank Ritter presented the name of Rev. H. B. Cox, of the Methodist Protestant Church, for reception into the Conference. He was received and introduced to the Conference.

Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, and Rev. W. H. Evans, Agent of Quitman College, were introduced to the Conference.

Newport and Brinkley were each nominated as the place for the next session of this Conference, and Newport was chosen by 35 to 23, and then unanimously

Under Question 12, the name of W. A. Manly was called, and the President announced he had been transferred to the East Texas Conference.

W. C. Davidson, Frank Barrett and W. D. Ellis reported their charges, their examinations were approved, their characters were passed and they were elected Elders.

E. N. Bickley, J. K. Farris, W. C. Toombs, T. A. Bowen and F. M. Smith made their reports and not having been before the Examining Committee, their characters were passed and they were continued in the class of the fourth year.

The name of A. E. Holloway (student in Hendrix College) was called, his character passed, and he continued in the class of the fourth year.

Conference voted to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and after the reading and approval of the minutes to hear an address from Sister S. H. Babcock in behalf of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society.

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On motion the Conference reconsidered the case of J. B. Woodin; he was then received and located at his own request.

Under Question 10, Henry A. Sullivan, recommended by the Searcy District Conference; J. T. Seaton and Zebedee D. Lindsey, recommended by the Jonesboro District Conference; and C. F. Hively and E. D. Farrish, recommended by the Batesville District Conference, were elected Deacons.

Under Question 14, Drury H. Colquette, recommended by the Searcy District Conference, was elected an Elder.

F. M. Smith and E. N. Bickley were granted leave of absence on account of sickness in their families.

Rev. G. W. Hill, Agent of Hendrix College, addressed the Conference in behalf of that institution, whereupon the Board of Education read their report No. 1, which was adopted.

Rev. E. M. Pipkin, Agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference on the work of that Society, and the Committee on the Bible Cause read their Report, which after amendment was adopted.

Under Question 20, M. M. Smith H. T. Gregory and Frank Ritter, Presiding Elders, reported their Districts and their characters were passed.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Gilloway College was referred to the Conference Board of Education.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction by G. A. Dannelly.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 p. m., Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair and conducting the opening religious services. H. T. Blythe led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The special order of the day being an address by Mrs. S. H. Babcock, a communication from the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society was read. By request of the Society the Conference voted the resignation of the present officers, and the following officers of the Conference Society were elected:

PRESIDENT—Mrs. A. G. Dickson, Paragould, Ark.

COR. SECRETARY—Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Searcy, Ark.

#### DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

SEARCY DISTRICT—Mrs. John Harden, Searcy, Ark.

HELENA " —Mrs. R. R. James, Cotton Plant, Ark.

JONESBORO " —Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Paragould, Ark.

NEWPORT " —Miss Ada Remmel, Newport, Ark.

BATESVILLE " —Miss Iola Price, Batesville, Ark.

Mrs. Babcock was then introduced to the Conference and read an interesting paper concerning the work of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society.

Bishop Fitzgerald addressed the Conference in a short touching manner on woman's work in that Society.

Conference voted to have the following resolution of last Conference, at Searcy, incorporated in the Minutes:

RESOLVED, That we urge each preacher in this Conference to change his Aid Society into a Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society and all the money expended in its bounds by each local Parsonage Society and by the Conference and Central Committee be reported to this Annual Conference and incorporated in the Minutes. F. A. JEFFETT, FRANK RITTER.

On motion Sister Babcock was requested to furnish her address to the Arkansas Methodist for publication.

Under Question 4, H. H. Hunt reported his charge, his examination was approved, his character passed, he was elected Deacon, and after answering the usual disciplinary questions admitted into full connection.

Dr. Kirkland addressed the Conference in behalf of Vanderbilt University.

A communication from Dr. Bigham, Secretary of General Board of Education, was read: the Conference Board of Education made their report in part which was read and adopted.

Bishop Fitzgerald presented the name of Rev. A. J. Ewing transferred from Illinois Conference, and he was located at his own request.

Under Question 20, J. F. Jernigan and S. L. Cochran reported their Districts and their characters passed.

Dr. Dye made a short address concerning Galloway College.

Rev. J. M. Thrasher, transferred from Louisville Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Committee on Public Worship announced that G. W. Hill would preach at Methodist church at 6:45 p. m., followed with an address on Education by Dr. Kirkland, and J. K. Farris would preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at 7 p. m.

Announcements for Sunday as follows:

METHODIST CHURCH. At 9:45 a. m. Love Feast led by Dr. Andrew Hunter, assisted by Rev. J. F. Jernigan. At 11 a. m. Sermon by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, followed by ordination of Deacons. At 3 p. m. Sermon by Rev. S. H. Babcock, followed by ordination of Elders. At 6 p. m. Epworth League meeting, addressed by Revs. W. C. Davidson, Fred Little, W. B. Ricks, and

Bro. J. M. Workman. At 7 p. m. Memorial service—Sermon by Dr. J. E. Godbey.

BAPTIST CHURCH. At 11 a. m. Sermon by Dr. Julien C. Brown. At 7 p. m. Sermon by Rev. R. C. Morehead.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. At 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Frank Barrett.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. At 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. F. A. Jeffett. At 3 p. m. Address before Loyal Temperance Legion by Revs. J. I. Maynard and M. B. Umsted. At 7 p. m. Sermon by Rev. M. B. Corrigan.

C. M. E. CHURCH. At 3 p. m. Sermon by Rev. I. B. Manly.

WOOD'S CHAPEL. At 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Watson.

MT. CARMEL. At 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. A. C. Griffin.

JONESBORO. At 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sermons by Rev. W. W. Anderson.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. B. McDonald.

#### FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, Nov. 23, 1896.

##### MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 8:30 a. m. by Bishop Fitzgerald. Dr. J. E. Godbey conducted the opening religious services, J. B. McDonald leading in prayer.

The minutes of Saturday afternoon session were read and approved.

The Bishop announced he had on Sunday ordained as Deacons, Fred Little, H. H. Hunt, Z. D. Lindsey, J. T. Seaton, E. D. Farrish, C. F. Hiveley, and as Elders, W. C. Davidson, W. D. Ellis, Frank Barrett, and Drury H. Colquette—Andrew Hunter, R. G. Brittain and W. R. Foster assisting in the imposition of hands. H. B. Cox and J. B. Woodin took the vows of an Elder without re-imposition of hands.

Committee on Memoirs presented their report and announced that the Memorial service was held Sunday night.

On motion of S. L. Cochran the case of H. L. Bugg was reconsidered and he was located at his own request.

Under question 20, the names of Julian C. Brown, N. E. Gardner, J. M. Talkingfon, J. I. Maynard, H. C. Edmondson, F. A. Jeffett, Thomas Whittaker, R. G. Brittain, S. H. Babcock, A. C. Graham, S. F. Brown, John Edson, J. W. Watson, W. M. Watson, P. B. Wallis, T. B. Williamson, A. C. Griffin, R. H. Grisett, W. S. Southworth, Z. T. Bennett, R. C. Morehead, F.

R. Noe, J. F. Armstrong, S. W. Register, M. B. Umsted, A. M. R. Branson, I. B. Manley, N. E. Skinner, J. S. Watson, L. Craig, J. S. Brooke, and J. R. Edwards, were called, they reported their charges and their characters passed.

T. J. Settle, W. A. Pendergrass, W. J. Vick, J. H. Dye, E. N. Bickley, F. C. Sterling, W. E. Bishop, S. D. Evans, W. F. Walker being absent, their Presiding Elders reported their charges, and their characters passed.

J. B. Stevenson's character passed, and the Bishop announced that he had been transferred to the Arkansas Conference.

The name of J. J. Alexander was called, his Presiding Elder reported his charge his character passed, and he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

The name of G. A. Dannelly was called, and after stating his feebleness, he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation, and the congregation voluntarily gave a free-will offering amounting to \$85.45, to be equally divided between Bros. Dannelly and W. R. Foster

F. M. Daniel, Statistical Secretary, read the Statistical Report, which was received.

The report of Committee on Conference Relations was read and adopted.

Conference voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2:30 p. m.

The President announced that M. B. Corrigan was transferred back from the Baltimore Conference.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that W. H. Evans would preach in the Methodist church at 6:30 p. m.

After various announcements, Conference adjourned with benediction by T. B. Williamson.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 p. m. M. B. Umsted conducted the opening religious services.

In the absence of Bishop Fitzgerald, Rev. S. H. Babcock was elected president.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Colportage made their report, which, after a short address by J. M. Workman, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read,

and, after an address by Dr. J. E. Godbey, was heartily adopted.

The report of the Committee on District Conference Journals was read and adopted.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read and adopted.

The report of the Board of Missions were read and adopted.

The Joint Board of Finance made its report, which, after amendment, was adopted,

A. L. Malone's name was substituted for J. C. Knight on Board of Education; W. A. Pendergrass instead of H. M. Cryer on Examining Committee of First year; Julien C. Brown instead of J. B. Stevenson on Committee of Second year; M. F. Collier instead of J. W. Stayton as Trustee of the Conference Fund; N. E. Skinner and T. A. Bowen instead J. D. Rutledge and E. C. Castleberry on Sunday School Board.

On motion, Z. T. Bennett was elected to edit and publish the minutes.

The report of the Committee on Epworth League was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Spiritual State of the Church was read and adopted.

The report of the Church Extension Board was read and adopted.

The Board of Colportage made an addition to their report.

Resolutions of Thanks ware read and adopted by a rising vote.

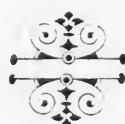
Resolutions on the death of Laymen L. L. Mack, J. C. Knight and J. W. Stayton were read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

M. B. Corrigan was announced as Secretary of Education.

After singing, prayer by Dr. Andrew Hunter, and a brief address by Bishop Fitzgerald, he read the appointments of the preachers for the ensuing year. See appointments.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.



## **CONDENSED MINUTES.**

1. Who are admitted on trial?

William M. Wilson, Edward H. Wallis, William P. Talkington, William M. Findley, Keener R. Durham, Drury H. Colquette, Jas. T. Seaton, Zehedee D. Lindsey.

2. Who remain on trial?

John W. Harper, George G. Davidson, Thomas J. Taylor, Herschel V. Johnson, James M. Williams, James G. Parker (in class of first year), T. W. Fisackerly, W. W. Gibson.

3. Who are discontinued?

W. T. Mesecher at his own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection?

W. B. Roe, E. N. Pitts, George Wilkerson, W. B. Ricks, W. H. Batton, Fred Little, H. H. Hunt.

5. Who are re-admitted? None.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

M. B. Corrigan from the Baltimore, J. M. Thrasher from the Louisville, and E. J. Ewing from the Illinois Conference.

7. Who are Deacons of one year?

A. F. Skinner, J. D. Sibert, H. E. May, J. B. McDonald, E. N. Bickley, J. K. Farris, W. C. Toombs, T. A. Bowen, F. M. Smith.

8. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Fred Little, H. H. Hunt.

9. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Fred Little, H. H. Hunt.

10. What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Z. D. Lindsey, J. T. Seaton, E. D. Farrish, C. F. Hively, Henry A. Sullavan.

11. What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Z. D. Lindsey, J. T. Seaton, E. D. Farrish, C. F. Hively.

12. What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

W. C. Davidson, W. D. Ellis and Frank Barrett.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

W. C. Davidson, W. D. Ellis and Frank Barrett.

14. What local preachers are elected Elders?

Drury H. Colquette.

15. What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Drury H. Colquette.

16. Who are located this year?

W. E. Webb, H. L. Bugg, J. B. Woodin, E. J. Ewing.

17. Who are supernumerary? W. W. Hendrix.

18. Who are superannuated?

R. M. Manly, J. C. Ritter, G. A. Dannelly, W. R. Foster, J. J. Alexander and J. D. Rutledge.

18. What preachers have died during past year?  
E. C. Castleberry, James A. Peebles and H. M. Cryer.
20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.
21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?  
135 local preachers and 24,487 members. total 24,622.
22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?  
603.
23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?  
1,872.
24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 39.
25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1,309.
26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 248.
27. What is the number of Sunday School teachers? 1,653.
28. What is the number of Sunday School scholars? 12,792.
29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,875.
30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?  
\$1,478.83, applied as in report of Joint Board of Finance.
31. What has been contributed for missions?  
Foreign, \$1,879.84; Domestic, \$956.86.
32. What has been contributed for Church extension? \$337.06
33. What has been done for the American Bible Society?  
\$197.12.
34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge?  
Presiding Elders, \$4,052.31; Preachers in charge, \$28,101.92.
35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?  
\$604.57.
36. What is the number of societies, and the number and estimated value of church edifices?  
349 Societies, and 250 church edifices, valued at \$204,111.00.
37. What is number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them?  
58 parsonages, valued at \$35,780.
38. What is the number and value of district parsonages?
39. What are the educational statistics?  
See Report Board of Education.
40. Where shall the the next session of the Conference be held?  
Newport, Ark.
41. Where are the preachers stationed this year?  
See Appointments.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### HELENA DISTRICT.—M. M. SMITH, P. E.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Helena Station.....          | J. C. Brown.            |
| Marianna Station.....        | Frank Barrett.          |
| Forrest City Station.....    | Jas. F. Jernigan.       |
| Clarendon Station.....       | R. C. Morehead.         |
| Cotton Plant and Howell..... | J. I. Maynard.          |
| McCrory and Wynne.....       | J. M. Talkington.       |
| Holly Grove and Marvel.....  | J. K. Farris.           |
| LaGrange Circuit.....        | N. E. Gardner.          |
| Haynes Circuit.....          | J. B. McDonald.         |
| Taylor's Creek Circuit.....  | W. W. Anderson.         |
| Wheatley Circuit.....        | T. J. Settle.           |
| Cypress Ridge Circuit.....   | W. J. Vick.             |
| Oak Forest Circuit.....      | J. W. Harper.           |
| Brinkley Mission.....        | K. R. Durham.           |
| DeView Mission.....          | W. M. Wilson.           |
| Jericho Mission.....         | H. T. Rainey, Supply.   |
| Turner Mission.....          | J. K. Pope, Supply.     |
| L'Angnille Mission.....      | J. E. Buchanan, Supply. |
| M. B. Corrigan.....          | Editorial Secretary.    |

### JONESBORO DISTRICT.—FRANK RITTER, P. E.

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jonesboro Station.....      | W. B. Ricks.                      |
| Nettleton Circuit.....      | S. F. Brown.                      |
| Cotton Belt Mission.....    | To be Supplied.                   |
| Harrisburg Circuit.....     | E. N. Bickley.                    |
| Vanndale Circuit.....       | H. B. Cox.                        |
| Brookland Circuit.....      | Wm. M. Finley.                    |
| Big Bay Circuit.....        | J. M. Williams Jr.                |
| Shiloh Circuit.....         | John Eidson.                      |
| Lorado Circuit.....         | J. W. Watson.                     |
| Paragould Station.....      | Z. T. Bennett.                    |
| Paragould Circuit.....      | W. M. Watson—one to be supplied.  |
| Gainesville Circuit.....    | W. F. Walker.                     |
| Reotor Circuit.....         | P. B. Wallis.                     |
| Boydsville Circuit.....     | T. B. Williamson.                 |
| St. Francis Circuit.....    | A. C. Griffur.                    |
| Marion Circuit.....         | To be supplied—J. T. Seaton Jr.   |
| Golden Lake Circuit.....    | E. H. Wallis.                     |
| Osceola Station.....        | Fred Little.                      |
| Osceola Circuit.....        | Z. D. Lindsey.                    |
| Blytheville Circuit.....    | W. B. Roe. H. V. Johnson—one Sup. |
| Buffalo Island Circuit..... | To be supplied.                   |

### SEARCY DISTRICT.—H. T. GREGORY, P. E.

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Searcy Station.....      | F. A. Jeffett.  |
| West Searcy Circuit..... | H. C. Edmonson. |
| Mt. Pisgah Circuit.....  | W. H. Batton.   |

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Beebe Circuit        | W. A. Pendergrass.          |
| Beebe and West Point | W. C. Davidson.             |
| El Paso Circuit      | Thomas Whitaker.            |
| Mineral Circuit      | J. W. Bridges, supply.      |
| Ward Mission         | George Wilkerson.           |
| Jacksonville Circuit | E. M. Davis.                |
| Argenta Station      | F. E. Taylor.               |
| Bald Knob Mission    | W. P. Talkington.           |
| Auvergne and Weldon  | G. G. Davidson.             |
| Union and Revel      | A. F. Skinner.              |
| Augusta Station      | A. C. Graham.               |
| Stony Point Circuit  | R. G. Brittain.             |
| J. H. Dye            | President Galloway College. |

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT.—J. S. BROOKE, P. E.**

|                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Batesville Station    | S. H. Babcock.             |
| Central Avenue        | I. B. Manly.               |
| Oil Trough Mission    | R. H. Grisgett.            |
| Cedar Grove Circuit   | T. J. Taylor.              |
| Mountain View Circuit | W. E. Hall.                |
| Richwoods Mission     | E. A. Norton, supply.      |
| Juka Mission          | C. F. Hively, supply.      |
| Newburg Circuit       | D. H. Colquette.           |
| Viola Circuit         | C. L. Castleberry, supply. |
| Salem Circuit         | F. R. Noe.                 |
| Indian Camp Circuit   | W. W. Gibson.              |
| Ash Flat Circuit      | S. W. Register.            |
| Calamine Circuit      | J. B. Woodin, Supply.      |
| Evening Shade Circuit | W. S. Southworth.          |
| Cushman Circuit       | F. M. Smith.               |
| Jamestown Circuit     | J. G. Parker.              |
| Melbourne Circuit     | T. W. Fisackerly.          |
| Lacross Circuit       | W. E. Bishop.              |
| Sulphur Rock Circuit  | F. C. Sterling.            |

**NEWPORT DISTRICT.—S. L. COCHRAN, P. E.**

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Newport Station                | M. B. Umsted.                |
| Jacksonport Mission            | L. C. Craig.                 |
| Tuckerman Circuit              | J. D. Sibert.                |
| Alicia Circuit                 | W. C. Toombs.                |
| Portia Circuit                 | H. E. May.                   |
| Walnut Ridge and Pocahontas    | A. M. R. Branson.            |
| Corning Circuit                | J. S. Watson.                |
| Siloam Circuit                 | J. M. Thrasher.              |
| Pocahontas Circuit             | S. D. Evans.                 |
| Walnut Hill Mission            | W. D. Ellis.                 |
| Black Rock Circuit             | J. R. Edwards.               |
| Imboden Circuit                | E. N. Pitts.                 |
| Mammoth Spring and Williford   | N. E. Skinner.               |
| Sedgwick Mission               | W. A. Downing, supply.       |
| Reyno Circuit                  | T. A. Bowen.                 |
| A. E. Holloway and H. H. Hunt, | Students in Hendrix College. |

## APPENDICES.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION, NO. 1.

#### HENDRIX COLLEGE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

From the President's report your Board gathers the following very gratifying intelligence concerning this school of the Church for the current year to date.

A vigorous canvass was made in the early summer, and notwithstanding drought and other untoward conditions, the school opened with a larger enrollment than ever before. One hundred and seventeen matriculated, being fourteen more than were enrolled up to Dec. 25, 1895. An encouraging feature is the presence of an unusually large number of advanced students, making some of the college classes double their usual size. The graduating class will have nine members.

Although three of the Faculty withdrew, their places have been filled by other strong men, and the Faculty as at present constituted is exceptionally good. With the exception of President and one other, all are men who have taken University courses and are graduates of Hendrix College, and are thus imbued with a lasting attachment for their "alma mater."

Another gratifying fact is that many of the graduates are seeking University advantages and pursuing professional University courses.

A large enrollment of High School graduates indicates that Hendrix is endeavoring to be a true College rather than a University on the one hand or a preparatory school on the other. It is earnestly hoped that such encouragement may be extended as will ere long enable the College to cut off entirely its preparatory department.

The religious life of the students is reported as better than at any time in the previous history of the college.

In compliance with a request made by the Trustees of the Church your Board respectfully recommends:

1. That the same educational assessments as was made last year be continued, and that in view of the pressing need, a more diligent and persistent presentation of the claims of the College and for its adequate endowment, be made by our Pastors.

2. The appointment of visiting committees who can and will attend, and who will report to the Conference Board.

3. We further recommend that the Board of Trustees of the College, acting under the provisions of Article XII of their Constitution, establish three or more first class academies within the bounds of White River Conference—the Conference Board of Education being authorized to co-operate with the said Trustees in so far as it is necessary to secure property, but in no case shall a further indebtedness be incurred. This all with a view to the abolition of the college preparatory department so soon as a sufficient number of academies is organized to supply it with collegiate students.

4. We recommend the encouraging of academies and high schools correlated with the College.

5. Condemnation strong and decisive of all dishonest canvassing.

6. That the Rev. Geo. W. Hill be continued in his work as financial agent of the College, and that he be authorized to call to his aid such members of the Conference as he may deem proper in the prosecution of his work.

7. That the Rev. A. M. R. Branson be elected by this Conference to succeed himself for another term as Trustee.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Secretary of the General Board, Dr. R. J. Bigham, laid before your Conference Board, contains very gratifying intelligence respecting educational operations throughout the various Conferences. Dr. Bigham makes the following suggestions or recommendations, in all of which your Board concurs and submits for your ratification or rejection:

1. That the presiding Bishop be requested to appoint a member of this Conference, to be known as the Conference Secretary of Education, to co-operate with the General Secretary in promoting the cause of Christian education.

2. That our Pastors be more diligent in their observance of Children's Day, and that its importance be more generally called to the attention of each congregation—to train up a generation believing in and inclined to support Christian education being one object of all our efforts.

#### GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

Your Board notes with much pleasure the fact that this superior college for young ladies, recently opened with a very large attendance, 200 students being now present, of whom 108 are boarding pupils. The title to this valuable college property is duly recorded in the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

South. Being operated under the auspices of the three Conferences of Arkansas Methodism, it invites the confidence and should stimulate the benevolent liberality of our people in much larger degree than it has hitherto done. Seventeen students were graduated last year, while the present Senior class numbers twenty-one. Since the first opening of the college in 1889 sixty-nine have gone from its halls as graduates.

We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. Jno. H. Dye to the Presidency of Galloway College. We endorse the action of the Board of Trustees, which action is stated to the Conference in a supplemental report.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Concerning this great institution of our Church it is hardly necessary that your Board speak. Its merit is too well known and its advantages too fully understood to need any statement from us. As affording ample means for highest culture and thorough training along all professional lines, perhaps no institution in our great country stands as its superior. In point of equipment in all departments it offers the very fullest advantages to ambitious students and advanced scholarship. Those results of study, thought hitherto to be attainable only by protracted work in Trans-Atlantic Universities, is slowly but surely coming to be possible in this our own school—the pride and boast of a common Methodism, and we feel assured that the day is not far distant when in no land or country can there be supplied better facilities or more adequate means for advanced education and the profoundest learning.

Resolved, that we approve the plans of the Board of Trust of V. U. to secure representation on the Board from other parts of our connexion, and that we hereby express our willingness to be content with one representative on said Board.

We recommend Rev. S. H. Babcock to be elected as Trustee from White River Conference, and that Julien C. Brown be appointed Conference Secretary.

PREACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The report of the Board of Control shows that the last session, held at Searey, was excellent; but that the attendance was small. The Board re-organized the Institute, and selected A. C. Millar as President, vesting in him and the Vice-Presidents power to arrange for the next Institute.

A meeting of the undergraduate preachers of this Conference revealed a strong desire for the continuance of the Institute, and

developed efforts to make it more permanent and successful.

The value of the Institute is so evident that we recommend its continuance and urge the other Conferences to co-operate in extending its usefulness.

Rev. Z. T. Bennett is elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Control.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Received on assessment the sum of \$219.93; received on Children's Day Fund the sum of \$57.30. Total, \$277.23. Paid G. W. Hill from Assessment Fund \$148.60: paid G. W. Hill from Children's Day Fund, \$45.35. Total, \$193.95. Paid Dr. R. J. Bigham from Assessment Fund, \$41.61; paid Dr. R. J. Bigham from Children's Day Fund, \$11.95. Total, \$53.56. Paid to Charles G. Goodrich for Paine and Lane Institutes the sum of \$29.72.—A. M. R. BRANSON, Treas.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. H. BABCOCK, President.

JULIEN C. BROWN, Sec.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

The past year has witnessed many gracious revivals of religion within our bounds, and hundreds of precious souls have been added to the Church, and thus the cause of Christ greatly strengthened in our midst. 'Tis thus the great Head of the Church has blessed the faithful labors of His servants. We rejoice over the evidence of God's favor upon us as shown by the great number of conversions and accessions reported by our preachers, as also the increased liberality of our people as shown by an advance upon all the collections ordered by the Church. While the year has been one of hardship financially, consequent upon a prevailing drought over nearly all our territory, it is especially gratifying that a deeper consecration upon the part of our membership has increased the collections.

We note with much satisfaction a return of revival power with our pastors and would recommend that each preacher among us pray earnestly for the Spirit's power in holding a revival—believing that those that come when conducted by the pastor in conjunction with the brethren in the regular ministry are more lasting in their good.

While the past year has witnessed the agitation of one of the greatest political questions ever submitted to a people for settle-

ment, it is especially gratifying that our own preachers and the editor of our Conference organ have refrained from the intemperance found in other parts of our country.

Believing that God will continue to bless us, and praying the great Head of the Church to guide us aright, we confidently look for a larger ingathering of souls the coming year.

J. K. FARRIS, Chairman.  
E. N. PITTS. A. C. GRIFFIN.

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#### REPORT OF BOARD OF COLPORTAGE.

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To the President and Members of the White River Conference.

DEAR BRETREN: We, your committee on Colportage beg leave to submit the following:

We are very much pleased with the work done by our Colporters, Godbey & Thornburgh. They have sold during the year \$6,819.00 worth of books, which was slightly more than the year before, and the net profits correspondingly more. Considering their small profits, we urge all our preachers and people to buy our publications of them. The future of our beloved Methodism depends to a great extent on the circulation of our literature.

Their shelves are weighted down with literature that ought to be in the homes of our people, forming character and preparing them for future usefulness in the Lord's vineyard. Their chief reliance for the circulation both of our books and papers is upon the preachers themselves. Some of the brethren do an important service to the Church by carrying religious books to the homes of the people. We wish in this report to emphasize this needed work. We wish also to emphasize the importance of sustaining our own book house at Little Rock. This house is established for our need. Its support is equally to the advantage of our general Publishing House as it is to ourselves. No book can be bought of Barbee & Smith cheaper than of Godbey & Thornburgh, and on many books they give better terms than the Nashville House, because they do not sell these books on commission, but pay cash for them on large shipments and have special terms made to them.

Assured that Arkansas Methodism will be profited thereby, we again recommend to all our people the patronage of our own Book House.

We recommend the re-election of Godbey & Thornburgh, Colporters of the White River Conference.

A. C. GRAHAM, Chairman,  
T. A. BOWEN, Secretary.  
J. S. WATSON.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

We, your committee on Conference Relations, have had referred to us the names of John C. Ritter, R. M. Manly, J. J. Alexander, W. R. Foster, J. D. Rutledge, W. W. Hendrix and George A. Dannelly.

We recommend that R. M. Manly and John C. Ritter be continued on the superannuated list, and that W. R. Foster, J. J. Alexander, Geo. A. Dannelly and J. D. Rutledge be granted the same relation. We also recommend that W. W. Hendrix be granted a supernumerary relation.

JNO. I. MAYNARD, Chairman. JOHN EIDSON.  
J. B. McDONALD, Secretary. F. M. SMITH.  
W. A. PENDERGRASS. J. D. SIBERT.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

To Bishop and Members of White River Annual Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We, your committee on District Conference Journals, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Helena District Record has been carefully kept and, with the exception of a few blots, has our approval.

The Jonesboro District Record has no marginal index: otherwise it is in good order.

The Searcy District Record has a few blots and has too much writing in red ink on the upper margin of the pages: otherwise it has been well kept.

The Batesville District Record has not been signed by the Secretary or P. E.: has too many words omitted and afterwards interlined. The Record is otherwise all right.

The Newport District Record is all in regular order, except the marginal index, and shows that it has been carefully kept.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK BARRETT.  
H. C. Edmondson.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN: Knowing the great need of the gospel in all lands, hearing from the missionaries on the foreign fields of

the wonderful revivals in the past year, of the magnificent opportunities offered for increased Christian work, and of the vast possibilities brought within reach of the missionaries—strongly believing that we have come to the hour when we must take a forward move or have many of the doors, now opened to us, closed—seeing a falling off instead of an increase in the regular collections for foreign missions throughout our entire Church—and remembering that last command of our risen Saviour, “Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel,” thus being convinced that Christ meant for us to give His gospel to the whole world:

RESOLVED. That we, members of White River Conference, pledge ourselves to more earnest effort to a missionary conscience, to increase the missionary spirit among our people, and secure a contribution from every member of our respective churches;

That we attempt to place the “Review of Missions” in the hands of our preachers and official laymen, and the “World for Christ” in every Methodist home;

That we distribute missionary literature among the people, and keep in view the disciplinary provision for the organization of every Sunday School into a missionary society and the holding of a missionary mass meeting in every charge;

That we preach frequently upon the subject of missions, pray earnestly for the cause, and take our collections early in the Conference year.

We recommend that W. B. Ricks be re-appointed Conference Missionary Secretary.

We would make the following report as to assessments and collections:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

|  | Assesssed. | Paid.      |
|--|------------|------------|
| Searcy District.....                   | \$ 800 00  | \$ 401 60  |
| Helena District.....                   | 800 00     | 404 99     |
| Jonesboro District.....                | 700 00     | 581 90     |
| Newport District .....                 | 600 00     | 285 80     |
| Batesville District.....               | 600 00     | 195 10     |
|  |            |            |
| Total .....                            | \$3,500 00 | \$1,869 39 |
| Special .....                          |            | 11 00      |
|  |            |            |
| Total Amount Collected.....            |            | \$1,880 39 |
| Forwarded to Missionary Treasurer..... |            | 198 10     |
| In hands of Conference Treasurer ..... |            | 1,682 29   |

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

|                           | Assessed.      | Paid.         |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Searcy District.....      | \$ 340 00      | \$ 210 10     |
| Helena District.....      | 355 00         | 230 85        |
| Jonesboro District.....   | 300 00         | 221 40        |
| Newport District.....     | 215 00         | 158 65        |
| Batesville District ..... | 215 00         | 114 86        |
| <br>Total.....            | <br>\$1,425 00 | <br>\$ 935 86 |
| <br>Disbursed as follows: |                |               |
| W. M. Wilson .....        | \$ 65 67       |               |
| J. W. Harper .....        | 32 85          |               |
| N. W. Womack .....        | 32 85          |               |
| W. T. Mesecher .....      | 65 67          |               |
| H. V. Johnson .....       | 65 67          |               |
| T. J. Taylor .....        | 65 67          |               |
| S. L. Cochran.....        | 65 67          |               |
| W. D. Ellis .....         | 65 67          |               |
| L. C. Craig .....         | 65 67          |               |
| W. C. Toombs.....         | 98 50          |               |
| Jas. F. Jernigan.....     | 65 67          |               |
| James Emory.....          | 65 67          |               |
| R. H. Grissett .....      | 32 85          |               |
| George Wilkinson .....    | 49 28          |               |
| T. W. Fisackerly .....    | 98 50          |               |
| <br>Total .....           | <br>\$935 86   |               |

Foreign Mission Assessment for next year, \$3,500.00. Apportioned as follows.

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Searcy District.....      | \$ 800 00      |
| Helena District.....      | 800 00         |
| Jonesboro District.....   | 750 00         |
| Newport District.....     | 600 00         |
| Batesville District ..... | 550 00         |
| <br>Total .....           | <br>\$3,500 00 |

Domestic Mission Assessment for next year, \$1,650.00. Apportioned as follows:

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Searcy District.....      | \$ 375 00      |
| Helena District.....      | 375 00         |
| Jonesboro District .....  | 355 00         |
| Newport District.....     | 285 00         |
| Batesville District ..... | 260 00         |
| <br>Total .....           | <br>\$1,650 00 |

The appropriations for Domestic Missions for next year are as follows:

SEARCY DISTRICT.

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Ward Mission..... | \$100 00 |
| Bald Knob .....   | 50 00    |

HELENA DISTRICT.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Brinkley Mission.....   | 50 00  |
| DeView Mission.....     | 50 00  |
| Turner Mission .....    | 50 00  |
| L'Anguille Mission..... | 100 00 |
| Jericho Mission.....    | 50 00  |

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Big Bay Mission.....                                     | 125 00 |
| Junior Preacher on Paragould Circuit.....                | 50 00  |
| Junior Preacher on Jonesboro Station.....                | 50 00  |
| Junior Preacher on Tyronza side of Marion Circuit.....   | 125 00 |
| Junior Preacher on Big Lake side of Blythesville Circuit | 100 00 |

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Presiding Elder.....     | 100 00 |
| Jacksonport Mission..... | 100 00 |
| Walnut Hill Mission..... | 100 00 |
| Sedgwick Mission.....    | 100 00 |

BATESVILLE DISTRICT,

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Presiding Elder.....        | 100 00 |
| Central Avenue Mission..... | 65 00  |
| Oil Trough Mission.....     | 50 00  |
| Iuka Mission.....           | 60 00  |
| Richwoods Mission.....      | 75 00  |

Total..... \$1,650 00

Respectfully Submitted,

S. L. COCHRAN, President.  
W. B. RICKS, Secretary.

**BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.**

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference, M. E.  
Church, South.

BRETHREN: We respectfully present to you the following report on Books and Periodicals:

We note with pleasure the comparative prosperity of our Publishing House in the publishing of books and periodicals. Twenty-eight books and booklets were published by the house during the last fiscal year, and since, a number of others, such as "Young People's History of the Chinese," "Child Life in our Mission Fields," and have begun the publication of a series of valuable little books on "Southern Writers," and "Pioneers of Southern Literature." The character of these publications, the style and price certainly commend themselves to our attention. We are informed by the Agent that notwithstanding the earnest

appeal to the preachers and Church at large in behalf of the Christian Advocate, its circulation during the year has not increased. Considering the character of this paper, being certainly one of the strongest and best of all Church papers of this country, it is well worthy of our heartiest support. One new subscriber secured by each of all the ministers of the Church would increase the circulation several thousand, and without question this is as little as we could think of doing.

The Methodist Review, issued six times a year with its hundreds of pages of superior reading matter, so full of thought for mind and soul, ought to be on the table or in the library of every preacher, and which would be so useful to every layman who can appreciate the character of such publication. We regard it as a periodical of the highest merit, and its editor, Dr. Tigert, whose personal presence we have enjoyed during a part of this session, is well worthy of our confidence and help. His energy in, and devotion to this most important trust committed to his hands, should receive our highest commendation.

The Review of Missions, so full of information, and being the very thing our people most need to give them a clear and definite knowledge of our missionary work, its wants and difficulties, and the reading of which would awaken the Church to a profound sense of duty and responsibility, should have a wide circulation.

The Epworth Era, which has not yet reached a self-supporting basis, is also well worthy the special attention of pastors having Epworth Leagues in their charges, to stimulate and increase the interest of the Church in this most important work.

Last, but not least, we have our own Conference organ, the Arkansas Methodist, so necessary to all the interest of the church at home, a paper of our own choice and adoption, visiting our homes every week, and whose pages are now so clear in type, and reading so well arranged, this should have one of the first places in the homes of our people. We cannot afford to let this be supplanted by any other paper, as long as it is true to our doctrines, and faithful to all the interests of Methodism in the State. Let us rally to its support and increase its circulation until we make one of the first Church papers of the land in promoting all of the highest, as well as the lesser, interests of our beloved Methodism in Arkansas.

We recommend S. L. Cochran, M. M. Smith and Frank Ritter as Publishing Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. H. BABCOCK,  
S. F. BROWN,  
N. E. SKINNER.

EPWORTH LEAGUE REPORT.

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MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:

In this report we may not expatiate on the practical utility of the Epworth League. It is no longer an experiment. Wherever fairly tested its results among our young men and women have demonstrated its worth. While many of our brethren have not been successful in putting their League in operation in their charges, it has, nevertheless, had a marked degree of prosperity in the White River Conference during the year now closing.

A few observations will reveal this fact. The Batesville District has 2 Leagues with 55 members; the Newport District, 5 Leagues with 134 members; the Jonesboro District, 7 Leagues with 254 members; the Helena District, 9 Leagues with 315 members; and the Searcy District, 16 Leagues with 551 members. The total number of Leagues last year was 18 with 639 members: this year there are 39 Leagues with 1,309 members, an increase over last year of 21 Leagues and 670 members. Thus you observe we have more than doubled our Leagues and our members.

There are also other signs of growth. In the Helena and Searcy Districts were held District League Conferences at which District Leagues were organized. These meetings were enthusiastic and religious, and gave inspiration to the work in these fields. Most of the Leagues of our Conference were well represented in the grand State League Conference conducted last June in the capital city of our State. Here we were moved and thrilled by the mighty Christian spirit that pervaded the young manhood and womanhood of the Methodist church in the State of Arkansas.

Notwithstanding the advancement we have certainly made, the White River Conference is yet far in the rear of the League forces of the State. One of our most astute Presiding Elders, in his testimony on this work, says: "In many places the League and its work have not been understood, and, hence, has not been properly tried." This is the solid truth. To appreciate the value of this institution of our Church is only to understand it and to put it to the test. One of our farsighted pastors contributes the significant fact that his League workers raised, on his Conference collections, the handsome sum of \$150. The work of the League is also a most powerful element in preserving the Christian character of our young members. These two facts our own observation confirms. In the face of such testimony how can any preacher doubt or deprecate the value of the Epworth League?

To make a success of this work, the preacher must have material

—young men and women—must have a heart passionate in its love for their souls, must ply his judgment and tact, must have an inexhaustible supply of perseverance, and must be gratified, not discouraged, with even small results. “He that doeth these things shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.”

Yours respectfully.

M. B. UMSTED, Chairman,  
W. C. DAVIDSON, Sec.  
I. B. MANLY,

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference.

We, your Committee on Bible Cause, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, the M. E. Church, South, in its efforts to disseminate the Word of God in all lands, has allied itself with the American Bible Society; and

WHEREAS, said Society is in a critical condition financially, and in need of immediate help from the Church at large, to avoid a policy of retrenchment, we recommend that this Conference recognize its responsibility to share in the support of said Society to a greater extent than hitherto; therefore be it

Resolved, That the attention of all pastors be called to ¶134 of the Discipline, which makes it the duty of the pastor in charge to present once a year to each congregation in his charge the claims of the American Bible Society and to report the amount of contributions raised by him for that purpose, and that said collections be taken early in the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRED LITTLE.  
J. S. BROOKE,  
J. S. CLARKE.

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#### REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance submit the following report:

BISHOP FUND.

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Collected in Helena District.....     | \$144 20 |
| Collected in Jonesboro District.....  | 126 00   |
| Collected in Batesville District..... | 100 00   |
| Collected in Searey District.....     | 150 40   |
| Collected in Newport District .....   | 99 00    |
| <br>Total.....                        | \$619 60 |
| Amount paid Barbee & Smith.....       | \$619 60 |

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Collected in Helena District .....    | \$ 295 85     |
| Collected in Jonesboro District.....  | 265 59        |
| Collected in Batesville District..... | 138 59        |
| Collected in Searcy District.....     | 255 50        |
| Collected in Newport District.....    | 183 30        |
| Publishing House Appropriation.....   | 330 00        |
| Colvin Fund.....                      | 10 00         |
| <br>Total .....                       | <br>\$1478 83 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| To Sister Benoni Harris, paid to Z. T. Bennett.....           | \$ 5 00 |
| To Sister Schaeffer, paid to F. A. Jeffett.....               | 75 00   |
| To Sister W. L. King, paid to F. A. Jeffett.....              | 142 00  |
| To Sister Morris, paid to W. B. Ricks.....                    | 125 00  |
| To Sister John Hall, paid to George Wilkerson .....           | 25 00   |
| To Sister E. M. Baker, paid to F. A. Jeffett.....             | 100 00  |
| To Sister Thomas Vincent, paid to W. H. Batton.....           | 50 00   |
| To Sister Ben Hall, paid to S. L. Cochran.....                | 50 00   |
| To Sister Thomas Craig, paid to L. C. Craig.....              | 50 00   |
| To Sister Beulah Carlisle, paid to F. A. Jeffett .....        | 118 53  |
| To Sister D. W. Reed and five children, paid to F. A. Jeffett | 100 00  |
| To Sister J. W. Patton and 3 children, paid to Z. T. Bennett, | 225 00  |
| To Brother R. M. Manly, paid to W. C. Davidson.....           | 100 00  |
| To Brother Beasley's two children, paid to T.B. Williamson    | 100 00  |
| To Brother J. C. Ritter, paid to Frank Ritter.....            | 98 30   |
| To Brother Harwood's two children, paid to T.B. Williamson    | 50 00   |

PRINTING MINUTES.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Collected in Helena District.....           | \$22 05     |
| Collected in Jonesboro District.....        | 15 15       |
| Collected in Batesville District.....       | 7 63        |
| Collected in Searcy District.....           | 16 02       |
| Collected in Newport District .....         | 13 00       |
| <br>Total .....                             | <br>\$73 85 |
| Amount paid to Secretary of Conference..... | \$70 60     |
| Amount paid balance on last year .....      | 3 25        |
|   | <br>\$73 85 |
| From private subscription .....             | 4 40        |
|   | <br>\$78 25 |

EXPENSES DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Collected in Helena District.....     | \$29 15      |
| Collected in Jonesboro District.....  | 31 90        |
| Collected in Searcy District.....     | 28 00        |
| Collected in Batesville District..... | 10 57        |
| Collected in Newport District .....   | 18 20        |
| Balance from last year .....          | 1 50         |
| <br>Total .....                       | <br>\$119 32 |
| Amount paid Barbee & Smith .....      | \$119 32     |

BIBLE CAUSE.

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|--|----------|
| Collected in Helena District.....      | \$47 60  |
| Collected in Jonesboro District.....   | 23 45    |
| Collected in Searcy District.....      | 24 60    |
| Collected in Batesville District ..... | 13 70    |
| Collected in Newport District.....     | 12 90    |
|  | _____    |
| Amount paid E. M. Pipkin.....          | \$122 25 |
| Total amount from all sources.....     | \$122 25 |
|  | _____    |
|  | 2,413 56 |

The following Recording Stewards have made reports to Joint Board of Finance:

H. Watson, Jonesboro Station, Jonesboro District.  
 W. D. Brook, Marion Circuit, Jonesboro District.  
 W. S. Blackshare, Boydsville Circuit, Jonesboro District.  
 J. W. Mallory, Forrest City Station, Helena District.  
 C. W. Shaver, Evening Shade Circuit.  
 W. B. Brown, Shiloh Circuit.  
 W. H. Wycott, Paragould Station.

The Board has made the following assessments and apportioned them as follows.

|                          | Conference<br>Claimants. | Bishops'<br>Fund. | Delegates'<br>Expenses<br>Gen. Conf. | Printing<br>Minutes. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Helena District.....     | \$ 425 00                | \$151 00          | \$62 80                              | \$ 25 00             |
| Jonesboro Disirict.....  | 375 00                   | 129 00            | 45 15                                | 20 00                |
| Batesville District..... | 325 00                   | 103 00            | 46 90                                | 15 00                |
| Searcy District .....    | 425 00                   | 151 00            | 52 20                                | 25 00                |
| Newport District.....    | 325 00                   | 104 00            | 46 90                                | 15 00                |
|                          | _____                    | _____             | _____                                | _____                |
|                          | \$1875 00                | \$638 00          | 253 95                               | \$100 00             |

The Board report the following claimants for ensuing year:

Brothers R. M. Manly, Beasley's two children, John C. Ritter, G. A. Dannelly, W. R. Foster, J. J. Alexander, J. D. Rutledge. Sisters W. L. King, Benoni Harris, M. C. Morris, John Hall. E. M. Baker, Thos. Vincent, Ben Hall, Thos. Craig, Ceulah Carlisle, D. W. Reed and five children, J. W. Patton and three children, Schaeffer and one child, Mary Peebles, Cora Castleberry and two children, H. M. Cryer.

THOS. WHITAKER, Chairman.  
 S. E. EBBERT, Secretary.

Paragould, Ark., Nov. 20, 1896.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference.  
M. E. Church, South, at Paragould, Ark., Nov. 18, 1896.

Your Board is ever watchful and very careful in the distribution of these funds, and as far as practical, we place it where, in our judgment, it will do the most good, and not be lost in any possible way to the Church.

Our Motto—"Help those who are trying to help themselves." The following amounts have been contributed by the various charges:

HELENA DISTRICT.

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Helena Station .....         | \$ 1 00 |
| La Grange circuit .....      | 5 00    |
| Marianna Station.....        | 16 20   |
| Haynes circuit .....         | 5 00    |
| Forrest City Station.....    | 16 20   |
| Taylor's Creek circuit ..... | 3 00    |
| Deview Mission.....          |         |
| McCrary and Wynne.....       | 3 00    |
| Cotton Plant and Howell..... | 7 00    |
| Brinkley Mission.....        | 7 20    |
| Wheatley circuit.....        |         |
| Oak Forest circuit.....      | 1 25    |
| Cypress Ridge circuit.....   |         |
| Clarendon Station.....       |         |
| Holly Grove circuit.....     | 4 00    |
| Turner Mission.....          | 2 50    |
| <br>                         |         |
| Total .....                  | \$71 35 |

SEARCY DISTRICT.

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Searcy Station .....              | \$24 00 |
| West Searcy circuit.....          | 5 00    |
| Mount Pisgah circuit.....         | 8 00    |
| Beebe and West Point circuit..... | 2 00    |
| Beebe Circuit.....                | 1 50    |
| Stony Point circuit.....          | 7 00    |
| El Paso circuit.....              | 5 00    |
| Argenta Station .....             | 1 00    |
| Mineral circuit.....              | 3 00    |
| Jacksonville circuit.....         | 2 00    |
| Augusta Station.....              | 9 00    |
| Union and Revel.....              | 3 90    |
| Auvergne and Weldon .....         | 4 00    |
| Ward Mission.....                 | 75      |
| <br>                              |         |
| Total .....                       | \$76 15 |

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Jonesboro Station.....    | \$15 25 |
| Nettleton and Dryden..... | 2 00    |
| Harrisburg circuit .....  | 5 25    |

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Vanndale circuit .....       | 8 45    |
| Marion circuit .....         | 2 75    |
| Golden Lake circuit .....    | 6 70    |
| Osceola station .....        | 5 00    |
| Osceola circuit .....        | 5 50    |
| Shiloh circuit .....         | 1 00    |
| Lorado circuit .....         | 20 50   |
| Paragould station .....      | 2 50    |
| Paragould circuit .....      | 7 35    |
| Gainesville circuit .....    | 2 50    |
| Marmaduke mission .....      | 2 00    |
| Boydsville circuit .....     | 1 00    |
| St. Francis circuit .....    | 2 50    |
| Main Shore mission .....     | 6 70    |
| Brookland circuit .....      | 2 00    |
| Buffalo Island circuit ..... | 2 50    |
| Blytheville circuit .....    | 4 50    |
| Total .....                  | \$94 45 |

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

|                               |                             |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Batesville station .....      | \$21 00                     |         |
| Central Avenue mission .....  | 1 00                        |         |
| Sulphur Rock and Newark ..... | 4 50                        |         |
| Sulphur Rock circuit .....    | 2 00                        |         |
| Jamestown circuit .....       | 2 50                        |         |
| Cushman circuit .....         | 2 50                        |         |
| Evening Shade circuit .....   | Ash Flat circuit .....      | 2 50    |
| Calamine circuit .....        | Salem circuit .....         | 3 00    |
| Salem circuit .....           | Viola circuit .....         | 1 00    |
| Newberg circuit .....         | Newberg circuit .....       | 80      |
| Melbourne circuit .....       | Mountain View circuit ..... | 21      |
| Oil Trough circuit .....      | Richwoods mission .....     | 50      |
| Cedar Grove circuit .....     | La Crosse circuit .....     | 3 00    |
| Richwoods mission .....       | Iuka mission .....          | 3 00    |
| La Crosse circuit .....       | Indian Camp circuit .....   | \$42 01 |
| Iuka mission .....            | Total .....                 |         |

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

|                            |                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Newport station .....      | \$16 30                            |
| Tuckerman circuit .....    | 1 10                               |
| Jacksonport mission .....  | 2 00                               |
| Walnut Ridge station ..... | 4 00                               |
| Reyno circuit .....        | 5 00                               |
| Portia circuit .....       | 3 50                               |
| Pocahontas circuit .....   | Mammoth Spring and Williford ..... |
| Walnut Hill mission .....  | 1 00                               |
| Smithville circuit .....   | 3 00                               |

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Siloam circuit .....        | 1 50           |
| Clover Bend mission.....    | 3 00           |
| Imboden and Black Rock..... |                |
| Corning and Knobel .....    | 3 00           |
| <b>Total</b> .....          | <b>\$43 40</b> |

RECAPITULATION.

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Helena district.....                  | \$71 35         |
| Jonesboro district.....               | 94 45           |
| Searcy district.....                  | 76 15           |
| Batesville district.....              | 42 01           |
| Newport district .....                | 43 40           |
| <b>Total</b> .....                    | <b>\$327 36</b> |
| Amount due Parent Board.....          | 163 68          |
| Amount at disposal of Home Board..... | 163 68          |
| Balance on hand from 1895.....        | 18 30           |

WE DONATE TO THE FOLLOWING:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Newport station, Jackson county, Ark..... | \$100 00        |
| Bald Knob, White county, Ark.....         | 20 00           |
| Marvel, Phillips county, Ark.....         | 26 00           |
| Piggott. Clay county, Ark.....            | 35 98           |
| <b>Total</b> .....                        | <b>\$181 98</b> |

WE HAVE ASSESSED FOR 1897:

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Helena district.....     | \$150 00        |
| Jonesboro district.....  | 150 00          |
| Searcy district.....     | 150 00          |
| Batesville district..... | 100 00          |
| Newport district .....   | 100 00          |
| <b>Total</b> .....       | <b>\$650 00</b> |

Respectfully Submitted,

F. A. JEFFETT, President,  
J. M. TALKINGTON, V. P.,  
N. E. GARDNER, Secretary.  
A. C. GRIFFIN, Treasurer.

**REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.**

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, now in session in the City of Paragould:

The undersigned, your committee on the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report that we have had the subject under prayerful and careful consideration and congratulate ourselves and the friends of Temperance, generally, on the progress of the good work within the bounds of the Conference. In view of the achievements already in suppressing the evil of the use of intoxicants as

a beverage, we look with confidence to the future for the entire suppression of the greatest of social evils. We regard it as the greatest evil with which the Church of Christ has to contend, and pray that the time may soon come when we will be delivered from its accursed influence. We are glad to note the fact, that while more counties voted license this year than in 1894, yet, there was an increased majority of the popular vote against license. We have also had under consideration the papers referred to us by the American Anti-Saloon League, and, as its sole object is to suppress the liquor traffic, we therefore recommend the co-operation of the Church with said League, and pray that it may accomplish the work for which it was organized.

In view of the foregoing, we offer the following resolution:

**RESOLVED.** By the preachers and members of the White River Conference, that we will do all in our power to suppress the evil of intemperance, and that we urge our people to vote for none but sober men for office.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. ANDERSON, Chairman.

JOHN EIDSON.

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#### REPORT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

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To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: One of our best Sunday School teachers has said that it was just as truly wise and philosophical for the Church to vigorously prosecute its Sunday School work as it is to carefully purify a stream at its source. And we are happy in believing that we are steadily becoming more efficient workers for God in this important department of Church work. It affords us great pleasure to report an increase all along the line in the number of schools, officers and teachers, scholars and more than five hundred dollars increase in the collections for Sunday School purposes. But there is yet much room for improvement. We have in the Conference nearly twenty-five thousand members of the Church, but so far as we have been able to learn, not more than one-fourth of them are connected with the Sunday Schools. We feel that the great need of the hour is a great Sunday School campaign in every pastoral charge in all Southern Methodism. Our people do not seem to know or feel the magnitude of their opportunities and responsibilities. Our literature is of the very best, and, while we have had an increase in its circulation, it ought to be much larger. The Magazine, we regard as one of the best

periodicals of our Church, and ought to be in the hands of every teacher. The Visitor ought to be in every home.

We regret to have to report a lack of interest in Children's Day. Only twenty-nine charges have reported anything to this Board. We have received the sum of one hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty cents. Ten per cent. of this has been forwarded to the General Board at Nashville; ten per cent has been paid to A. M. R. Branson, treasurer of Conference Board of Education. After providing for needy schools, the balance has been equally divided between the General Sunday School Board and the Annual Conference Board of Education for which we have the treasurer's receipt. We have heard with regret that a few of our preachers still use this fund in their charges for other purposes than that plainly contemplated by the law,. We trust this will not occur again. We most earnestly request all our preachers to look well to this great interest. Let us have a revival in the way of Sunday School Conferences, Conventions, Teachers' Institutes, and, by all possible means, awaken a greater interest in Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. WILLIAMSON.

Secretary and Treasurer Sunday School Board.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

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1. WHEREAS. Our beloved brother, Judge L. L. Mack, of Paragould, so long a pillar of Methodism in Arkansas, often a delegate to our Conferences, and so delighted with anticipation of helping to entertain this session, has gone to his reward: therefore, resolved, that we enter in our Minutes our grateful testimony to his noble life and deep regret at his absence.

2. AND WHEREAS, Our beloved brethren, John C. Knight, of Jonesboro, a lay delegate to this Conference, and Judge John W. Stayton, of Newport, Trustee of Conference Fund, have gone from labor to reward: therefore, resolved, that we record in our Minutes our great appreciation of their lofty characters and faithful services in the cause of Christ.

S. H. BABCOCK.  
Z. T. BENNETT.

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this Conference be extended the management of the St. Louis & Iron Mountain, St. Louis & Southwestern, Memphis & Kansas City, and the Little Rock & Memphis railroads for reduced rates over their several

lines to those attending this Conference. We also appreciate the kindness of Burk & Porter, Ellis & Herrin and G. W. Johnson, liverymen of Paragould, in their generous transportation of members of the Conference from the depot to their homes.

**RESOLVED**, That our warmest thanks are due and are truly tendered to the pastors of the city churches and their congregations for the use of their houses of worship, and generous aid in entertaining the Conference, and to our own congregation and the citizens of Paragould in general, for the hospitality, so warm hearted, so elegant, so abundant as to make this session of our Conference memorable in our annals, and that we will ever pray the blessing of God to abide upon their hearts and homes.

Special thanks are due to our diligent and painstaking host and Secretary, Rev. Z. T. Bennett, for his uniform courtesy and untiring efforts in our behalf, giving to each preacher a home and entertaining without embarrassment the largest number of persons ever assembled at the White River Conference.

**RESOLVED**, That we express our appreciation of the P. M. and pages who have waited so faithfully upon the Conference by giving them the proceeds of a hat collection now to be taken.

JULIEN C. BROWN,  
S. H. BABCOCK.

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## MEMOIRS.

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### EDMOND CICERO CASTLEBERY.

Edmond Cicero Castleberry, a native of Georgia, came to Arkansas early in life and cast his fortune in Fulton county. Born May 1, 1852; died July 2, 1896. He was licensed to preach in 1878 by A. P. Saffold, preacher in charge of Salem Circuit, Batesville District—the Presiding Elder, Rev. B. F. Hall, failing to get to the Quarterly meeting. He joined the White River Conference in the fall of the same year and was appointed to Wheatly Circuit, Helena District, and traveled it two years. He was next appointed to Salem Circuit and traveled it three years. Thence he went to Mineral Circuit, Searey District, and remained two years on that Circuit. In the fall of 1885, on account of failing health, he was transferred to the Florida Conference, traveled there two years, but in the fall of 1887 he came back to his home Conference and was stationed at Argenta. After laboring there faithfully for two years, he was sent to Beebe station where he held up the banner of the Cross for two years, viz., 1890-91. It

was here that he was married to Miss Cora Dement, who was ever by his side, a faithful helpmeet. They were sent from there to Wynne and McCrory and remained there two years, thence to Augusta Station where they labored successfully through the year 1895 and until July 2, 1896, when his Lord suddenly came and found him at his post. He had been out holding a funeral service. Many, many poor and sick and sorrowing ones will rise up in the judgment and call him blessed. Wherever he went he represented his risen and ascended Lord. He was a faithful man, a holy man, a man of great labors and much suffering, but, withal, great success in the Gospel. His union with Miss Dement was blessed in the gift of two sweet babes, both of whom and the wife remain to mourn his departure.

J. B. McDONALD,  
WM. M. WATSON.  
JAS. M. TALKINGTON.

REV. H. M. CRYER.

Rev. H. M. Cryer, the subject of this sketch, was born in Sumner county, Tenn., Nov. 24, 1848. He was educated for the law and was a graduate of the Cumberland University Law School, Lebanon, Tenn. He removed to Arkansas in 1870, and engaged in the practice of law and teaching until 1886, when he entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, South. At the time of his death he was pastor of Dye's Chapel, North Little Rock, where he had been stationed for three years past. In 1882 he was married for the second time to Miss Annie Webber, of Perry county, Ark. Three young children and his widow survive him, also two sons by a former marriage, Messrs. Thos. C. and Wm. L., well-known young business men connected with the Beal & Doyle Grocer Co., Little Rock.

Brother Cryer's first appointment in the Conference was Mineral circuit, where he remained one year; thence to the adjoining Jacksonville circuit, where he remained the full pastoral limit, four years. Both of these pastoral charges were within a few miles of his spiritual birth-place. Next he was stationed at Marianna for two years; and his last work was North Little Rock, where he died on the morning of July 24th, at six o'clock, of a complication of diseases.

Brother Cryer's conversion produced a profound impression at El Paso, Ark., where it occurred; and caused unusual rejoicing among Christians of every denomination, and brought great seriousness to sinners of all grades. His commission to preach was Pauline in its character; he conferred not with flesh and blood, but straightway preached the gospel. The preacher in charge, under whose ministry he was converted, and whose name —much to my regret—I cannot now recall, announced at the close of the service at which he was converted, that Brother Cryer would preach that night, which he did; and continued to preach

Jesus and Him crucified until he was duly commissioned by the proper authorities. The interest in his earnest utterances was indicated by the large audiences that waited upon his ministry—the congregations being limited only by the capacity of the churches where he preached.

As a lawyer he had been an earnest and able advocate; as a prosecutor he was a terror to evil doers: and these characteristics became prominent features of his ministry. His implicit faith in the gospel and in the doctrines of our Church made him the more earnest and successful in their promulgation and presentation. He had the courage of his convictions; he only needed to be impressed as to what his duty was and he did it. His fiery and fierce denunciations of the prevalent sins in the Churches where he preached, awakened many of the hardest hearts, and subdued many of the most obdurate wills. His presentation of Christ as the Lamb for sinners slain and as a ransom for all, was so pathetic that scores of sinners yielded themselves willing captives to the great Captain of their Salvation.

Brother Cryer's ministry was a comparatively brief one, lasting only ten years: but judging him by his success—which is, perhaps, the severest if not the best test of intrinsic ministerial worth, he had comparatively few equals and no superiors in the Conference, as a winner of souls for Christ. His work in the ministry began, continued, and almost ended in a revival. His friends were ardently attached to him, and it was but natural that a few of the baser sort should oppose him. Multitudes of friends mourn his seemingly untimely death, and many sinners who have heard his eloquent and earnest utterances, deeply regret that he shall call them no more to repentance.

To know Brother Cryer intimately was to love him. The warmth of his great loving heart was best felt and most appreciated where it was best known, in his own home. The admiration of his wife and children, little and large, for his ability and clearness of judgment and the correctness of his conclusions, was only equaled by their beautiful devotion to him as a husband and father. Like all truly brave men, he possessed great gentleness and kindness of heart, and they felt that each throb of his loving heart beat in sympathy with them.

During his pastorate on Jacksonville circuit his oldest daughter, a former pupil of Galloway College, died, and it is doubtful if he ever fully recovered from the shock of her death. In the paroxysms of his awful sufferings, as well as in his calmer moments, during his last lingering illness, he would speak of her and rejoice at the thought of an early re-union with her.

The impress of his useful life and triumphant death lingers as a precious legacy to his family, more to be desired than gold or silver, stocks or bonds. His active and useful life is as ointment poured forth. Let our ministers and membership revere his memory, emulate his virtues, re-enact and reproduce as best we may, his usefulness.

JOHN H. DYE.

REV. J. A. PEEBLES. D. D.

James Albert Peebles was born in North Hampton county, N.C., August 26, 1827. At 7 years of age he moved with his father to

Lounds county, Miss. He was converted in 1848, and soon after was licensed to preach. He graduated from Lagrange College two years later and at once entered the Alabama Conference as a traveling preacher. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew in 1854, and ordained Elder by Bishop Pierce in 1856. He transferred to the Arkansas Conference in 1874 and was appointed president of Quitman College, which position he held five years and again entered the regular work of the ministry. The degree of D. D. was worthily conferred upon him by Quitman College soon after his resignation as president. Most of his children having located in Searcy, he transferred to the White River Conference in 1892. Though he was an itinerant preacher for forty-four years, serving circuits, stations and districts, yet he only missed seven appointments. What a record!

His one aim was to "work the works of Him that sent him."

Dr. Peebles was a strong preacher. He was modest and retiring in disposition, yet true to conviction and unswerving in fidelity to purpose.

He left his home in Searcy Saturday afternoon, August 1, bright and cheerful, assuring his wife that he was in good condition for another week of revival work. He went to his appointment, which was at Stony Point, and preached that night. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he preached at the same place. In the afternoon he drove four miles to preach at another point, but on reaching the church was so overcome by the heat as not to be able to preach, and after receiving some members into the Church, started back to Stony Point, where he expected to preach at night. But God met him on his return and said, "It is enough; come up higher."

He leaves an intelligent, consecrated wife, who has been walking and working and praying by his side through all his life as a preacher; also five children, all of whom are cultivated, consecrated men and women, and who are rejoicing in hope of a glorious resurrection, reunion and eternal life after death.

No man will ever charge James A. Peebles with having been unfaithful to God or to the souls of men. His life is luminous with good deeds. He commenced his last hour by receiving members into the Church militant, and before it closed was himself received into the Church triumphant. "Faithful unto death."

Yes, the Christian's course is run,

Ended is the glorious strife:

Fought the fight, the work is done.

Death is swallowed up of life.

F. A. JEFFETT.

The note hereunto appended was written just before his death to Rev. F. R. Noe:

"DEAR NOE: I am heading for heaven, and may the Lord bless us and keep us. Pray for me! My work is a laborious one, and I am glad. The motto on my banner I want to bear is,—'Charity toward all, and malice toward none—show quarters, but ask none.' The Lord bless you and yours.

Yours in Love,

J. A. PEEBLES."

**"THEY WERE IN EARNEST."**

**EDMOND C. CASTLEBERRY.**

BORN MAY 1, 1852; DIED JULY 2, 1896.

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**HARDY M. CRYER.**

BORN NOV. 24, 1848; DIED JULY 24, 1896.

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**JAMES A. PEEBLES, D. D.**

BORN AUG. 26, 1827; DIED AUG. 2, 1896.

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J. T. Henderson, Ransom Gulley, M. M. Smith, M. F. Collier.

## NAME OF CHARGE.

|                         | No. Local<br>Preacher | No. White<br>Member | Total Members<br>this Year | Total Members<br>last Year | Additions on<br>Prof. of Fait | Add. by Certif.<br>and otherwise | Removals by<br>Death, Certifica-<br>and Otherwis- | Societies,<br>Baptisc | Infants<br>Baptisc | Adults<br>Baptise | Baptise<br>and Otherwis- | Buildings. | \$ Value of<br>Churches | No. of<br>Parsonage | \$ Value of<br>Parsonage | Value of Other<br>Church Propert | \$ Money Expend-<br>for Churches | \$ Money and Parsonage |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Batesville Station      | 255                   | 255                 | 255                        | 257                        | 13                            | 4                                | 20  | 6                     | 1                  | 7                 | 4                        | 1          | \$ 6099 00              | 1                   | \$ 1500 00               |                                  |                                  |                        |
| Central Avenue Mission  | 165                   | 165                 | 165                        | 207                        | 12                            | 6                                | 11  | 10                    |                    |                   |                          |            | 1400 00                 | 1                   | 460 00                   | 125 00                           |                                  |                        |
| Sulphur Rock and Newark | 149                   | 150                 | 150                        |                            |                               | 5                                | 3   |                       |                    |                   |                          |            | 800 00                  | 1-3                 | 109 60                   | 30 00                            |                                  |                        |
| Sulphur Rock Circuit    | 403                   | 408                 | 624                        | 624                        | 7                             | 17                               | 20  | 1                     |                    |                   |                          |            | 1275 09                 | 2-3                 | 200 00                   |                                  |                                  |                        |
| Jamestown "             | 301                   | 303                 | 299                        | 299                        | 86                            | 16                               | 10  | 1                     | 1                  | 61                | 26                       | 1          | 800 09                  | 1                   | 500 60                   | 70 00                            | 349 50                           |                        |
| Cedar Grove "           | 543                   | 545                 | 503                        | 503                        | 14                            | 27                               | 20  | 1                     | 1                  | 7                 | 4                        | 3          | 2975 60                 | 1                   | 150 00                   | 160 00                           |                                  |                        |
| Cushman "               | 383                   | 387                 | 364                        | 364                        | 23                            | 17                               | 14  | 1                     | 1                  | 10                | 10                       | 5          | 305 00                  | 1                   | 450 00                   | 152 00                           |                                  |                        |
| Oil Trough Mission      | 177                   | 179                 | 187                        | 187                        | 2                             | 2                                | 10  | 1                     | 1                  | 12                | 12                       | 2          | 100 00                  | 1                   | 200 00                   | 5 00                             |                                  |                        |
| Melbourne Circuit       | 234                   | 235                 | 507                        | 507                        | 6                             | 10                               | 12  | 1                     | 1                  | 7                 | 4                        | 3          | 2100 00                 | 1                   | 500 60                   | 12 50                            |                                  |                        |
| LaCross Circuit         | 180                   | 182                 |                            |                            | 18                            | 18                               | 3   | 1                     | 1                  | 12                | 12                       | 2          | 1500 00                 |                     |                          |                                  |                                  |                        |
| Newburg Circuit         | 226                   | 332                 | 749                        | 749                        | 16                            | 12                               | 31  | 1                     | 1                  | 12                | 12                       | 2          | 4000 00                 | 1                   | 300 00                   | 30 25                            |                                  |                        |
| Iuka Mission            | 243                   | 245                 |                            |                            | 59                            | 16                               | 12  | 1                     | 1                  | 12                | 12                       | 2          | 150 00                  |                     |                          |                                  | 180 00                           | 61 50                  |
| Mountain View Circuit   | 291                   | 295                 | 319                        | 319                        | 8                             | 5                                | 18  | 6                     | 8                  | 5                 | 5                        | 2          | 1260 00                 | 1                   | 400 00                   | 55 25                            |                                  |                        |
| Richwoods Mission       | 49                    | 50                  | 35                         | 35                         |                               | 15                               |   |                       |                    |                   |                          |            | 125 09                  |                     |                          |                                  |                                  |                        |
| Evening Shade Circuit   | 370                   | 375                 | 423                        | 423                        |                               | 25                               | 2   | 372                   | 9                  | 17                | 4                        | 4          | 2000 00                 | 1                   | 300 00                   | 165 00                           |                                  |                        |
| Salem Circuit           | 251                   | 253                 | 631                        | 631                        | 2                             |                                  |   |                       |                    |                   |                          |            | 1000 00                 | 1                   | 315 00                   | 40 60                            |                                  |                        |
| Indian Camp Circuit     | 180                   | 183                 |                            |                            | 9                             | 7                                | 8   | 4                     | 7                  | 5                 | 3                        | 1          | 860 00                  | 1                   | 200 60                   | 135 00                           |                                  |                        |
| Viola "                 | 311                   | 314                 | 303                        | 303                        | 48                            | 6                                | 13  | 9                     | 9                  | 40                | 7                        | 4          | 600 00                  |                     |                          | 25 00                            |                                  |                        |
| Calamine "              | 250                   | 250                 | 274                        | 274                        | 10                            | 20                               | 25  | 12                    | 10                 | 5                 | 4                        | 1          | 1460 00                 | 1                   | 460 00                   |                                  |                                  |                        |
| Ash Flat "              | 295                   | 301                 | 455                        | 455                        | 28                            | 24                               | 12  | 6                     | 21                 | 6                 | 5                        | 1          | 1160 00                 | 1                   | 100 00                   | 600 00                           |                                  |                        |
| Total                   | 52                    | 5285                | 5337                       | 6125                       | 362                           | 208                              | 730   | 87                    | 243                | 83                | 68                       | 1-4        | 30230 00                | 15                  | 6915 00                  | 245 00                           | 2051 00                          |                        |
| Total last year         | 50                    | 6974                | 6125                       |                            | 261                           | 208                              | 282   | 98                    | 209                | 66                | 66                       | 1-4        | 35797 00                | 13                  | 6022 00                  | 510 00                           | 2688 35                          |                        |
| Increase                | 2                     |                     |                            |                            | 101                           |                                  |   | 34                    | 22                 | 1-4               |                          |            | 4433 60                 | 2                   | 7 00                     | 235 00                           | 637 35                           |                        |
| Decrease                | 789                   | 788                 |                            |                            |                               |                                  | 448   | 11                    |                    |                   |                          |            |                         |                     |                          |                                  |                                  |                        |

## HELENA DISTRICT—1896.

|                         |     |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |           |    |           |         |           |  |
|-------------------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----------|----|-----------|---------|-----------|--|
| Cypress Ridge Circuit   | 169 | 169  | 205  | 30   | 26  | 10  | 11  | 17  | 4   | 2  | 1   | 1   | \$ 950 00 | 1  | \$ 125 00 | 65 00   | \$ 125 00 |  |
| Clarendon Station       | 135 | 135  | 194  | 20   | 12  | 8   | 1   | 6   | 1   | 1  | 2   | 2   | 2350 00   | 1  | 1050 60   | 352 00  |           |  |
| Cotton Plant and Howell | 176 | 170  | 147  | 24   | 7   | 3   | 8   | 15  | 1   | 1  | 2   | 2   | 6000 00   | 1  | 1050 00   | 10 00   |           |  |
| Brinkley Mission        | 78  | 86   | 53   | 25   | 7   | 7   | 8   | 15  | 1   | 1  | 1   | 1   | 5900 00   | 1  | 1500 00   | 96 00   |           |  |
| DeView Mission          | 389 | 399  | 126  | 165  | 35  | 21  | 32  | 165 | 6   | 2  | 1   | 1   | 2450 00   | 1  | 500 00    | 50 00   | 292 35    |  |
| Forrest City Station    | 195 | 196  | 200  | 1    | 16  | 18  |     |     |     |    |     |     | 4500 00   | 1  | 800 00    | 45 50   | 207 00    |  |
| Haynes Circuit          | 347 | 348  | 325  | 23   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 16  | 1   | 1  | 1   | 1   | 2500 00   | 1  | 800 60    | 105 55  |           |  |
| Helena Station          | 156 | 156  | 236  | 2    | 31  | 16  | 6   | 6   | 1   | 1  | 1   | 1   | 23960 00  |    |           | 500 00  | 1292 00   |  |
| Holly Grove and Maroe   | 100 | 100  | 216  | 27   | 10  | 33  | 2   | 15  | 2   | 12 | 1   | 1   | 1500 00   |    |           | 350 00  | 867 00    |  |
| Marianna Station        | 140 | 140  | 134  | 6    | 3   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 1   | 1  | 2   | 2   | 3000 00   | 1  | 1200 00   |         | 50 00     |  |
| McCrory and Wynne       | 310 | 312  | 224  | 47   | 33  | 5   | 3   | 12  | 2   | 12 | 1   | 1   | 4500 00   | 1  | 500 00    |         | 50 00     |  |
| Oak Forest Circuit      | 273 | 274  | 239  | 26   | 27  | 33  | 16  | 17  | 6   | 12 | 1   | 3   | 800 00    |    |           | 20 00   |           |  |
| Taylor's Creek Circuit  | 411 | 411  | 430  | 23   | 6   | 6   | 16  | 18  | 6   | 3  | 3   | 1   | 1560 00   | 1  | 700 00    |         | 22 60     |  |
| Turners Mission         | 158 | 158  | 265  | 44   | 20  | 6   | 6   | 20  | 4   | 3  | 3   | 3   | 1150 00   |    |           |         | 11 00     |  |
| Wheatley Circuit        | 234 | 265  | 281  | 26   | 5   | R   | 4   | 18  | 6   | 3  | 1-2 |     | 1300 00   | 1  | 250 00    |         |           |  |
| LaGrange Circuit        | 179 | 170  | 83   | 30   | 32  | R   | 13  | 23  | 3   | 4  | 1   | 1   | 3000 00   | 1  | 100 00    |         | 30 00     |  |
| Total                   | 9   | 3468 | 3177 | 3912 | 525 | 275 | 212 | 112 | 336 | 59 | 34  | 5-6 | 63500 00  | 12 | 8975 60   | 1639 50 | 3220 50   |  |
| Total last Year         | 12  | 3060 | 3912 |      | 150 | 179 | 179 | 60  | 33  | 30 | 30  |     | 56000 00  | 12 | 9455 00   | 27 00   | 1870 85   |  |
| Increase                | 3   | 468  | 465  |      | 375 | 96  | 33  | 52  | 24  | 4  | 5   | 6   | 4500 00   |    | 1005 50   | 1349 65 |           |  |
| Decrease                | 3   |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 866 00    |    |           |         |           |  |

JONESBORO DISTRICT—1896.

|                        |    |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |         |    |    |           |          |
|------------------------|----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---------|----|----|-----------|----------|
| Boydsville Circuit     | 3  | 323  | 323  | 359  | 18  | 43  | 8   | 11  | 6   | 4   | 1   | 2   | 8 | 1400    | 60 |    | 50 00     | \$ 29 00 |
| Brookland Circuit      |    | 268  | 238  | 232  | 16  | 29  | 12  | 16  | 5   | 5   |     |     |   | 2200    | 60 |    |           |          |
| Buffalo Island Circuit | 4  | 213  | 217  | 5    | 5   | 2   | 4   | 2   | 1   |     |     |     |   | 100 00  |    |    | 20 00     |          |
| Blytheville "          | 3  | 659  | 629  | 455  | 92  | 158 | 43  | 65  | 122 | 9   | 5   |     |   | 2600    | 60 | 1  | \$ 250 00 | 180 00   |
| Gainesville "          | 1  | 636  | 637  | 575  | 60  | 25  | 23  | 7   | 20  | 6   | 5   |     |   | 3900    | 60 | 1  | 460 00    | 50 00    |
| Golden Lake "          |    | 91   | 91   | 98   | 14  | 5   | 26  | 10  | 10  | 3   | 1   |     |   | 1600    | 60 | 1  | 260 00    | 200 00   |
| Harrisburg "           | 1  | 512  | 513  | 785  | 7   | 1   | 250 | 1   | 4   | 6   | 5   |     |   | 3200    | 60 | 1  | 300 00    | 50 00    |
| Jonesboro Station      | 2  | 411  | 493  | 465  | 33  | 44  | 47  | 2   | 11  | 1   | 1   |     |   | 2250    | 60 | 2  | 2200      | 60       |
| Lorado Circuit         | 1  | 491  | 492  | 482  | 15  | 40  | 25  | 10  | 32  | 6   | 4   |     |   | 1100    | 60 | 1  | 360 00    | 20 00    |
| Marion "               | 1  | 227  | 223  | 138  | 89  | 5   | 4   | 10  | 15  | 13  | 4   |     |   | 3000    | 60 |    | 150 00    | 809 00   |
| Main Shore Mission     |    | 181  | 184  | 94   | 49  | 46  | 5   | 18  | 35  | 4   | 1   |     |   | 450 00  |    |    | 450 00    |          |
| Marmaduke "            |    | 246  | 246  | 264  | 11  | 10  | 3   |     |     | 4   | 3   |     |   | 1300    | 60 | 1  | 100 00    |          |
| Nettleton Circuit      | 4  | 169  | 173  | 165  | 3   | 14  | 18  | 4   | 1   | 3   | 2   |     |   | 1200 00 |    |    |           |          |
| Osecola "              |    | 300  | 300  | 238  | 10  | 70  | 8   | 5   | 60  | 4   | 1   |     |   | 1500    | 60 |    | 100 00    | 500 00   |
| Osecola Station        |    | 91   | 94   | 137  | 3   | 17  | 63  | 2   |     | 1   | 1   |     |   | 4600    | 60 |    | 50 00     | 292 65   |
| Paragould Station      |    | 384  | 384  | 420  | 2   | 10  | 46  | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   |     |   | 10600   | 60 |    | 410 00    |          |
| Paragould Circuit      | 1  | 729  | 730  | 735  |     |     | 5   | 4   | 20  | 6   | 5   |     |   | 1600    | 60 | 1  | 800 00    | 100 00   |
| Shiloh "               | 2  | 559  | 561  | 543  | 79  | 22  | 30  | 5   | 48  | 6   | 4   |     |   | 2200    | 60 | 1  | 250 00    | 50 00    |
| St. Francis "          |    | 295  | 295  | 246  | 6   | 20  | 13  |     | 4   | 5   | 4   |     |   | 2100    | 60 | 1  | 600 00    | 225 00   |
| Vanndale "             | 1  | 500  | 501  | 405  | 110 |     | 10  | 14  | 50  | 8   | 6   |     |   | 2500    | 60 | 1  | 400 00    | 40 00    |
| Total                  | 24 | 7371 | 7395 | 6871 | 521 | 516 | 711 | 176 | 406 | 101 | 3   | 1-2 |   | 50100   | 60 | 12 | 500 00    | 1030 00  |
| Total last Year        | 31 | 6837 | 6371 | 388  | 279 | 412 | 212 | 467 |     | 62  | 3-4 |     |   | 49950   | 60 | 12 | 5485 00   | 1624 00  |
| Increase               |    | 534  | 524  | 133  | 237 | 299 |     |     |     | 3-4 |     |     |   | 450 00  |    |    | 315 00    | 6 00     |
| Decrease               | 10 |      |      |      |     |     | 36  | 1   |     |     |     |     |   |         |    |    | 9495 88   |          |

NOTE.—The apparent gain of 524 is too large, caused in part by no report from Buffalo Island last year.

NEWPORT DISTRICT—1896.

|                                |    |      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |  |         |    |    |           |         |
|--------------------------------|----|------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|--|---------|----|----|-----------|---------|
| Corning and Knebel Station     | 2  | 141  | 113  | 161   | 10  | 26  |     |     | 2   | 2   |    |     |  | 31000   | 00 | 1  | \$ 600 00 |         |
| Clover Bend Mission            | 1  | 247  | 248  | * 294 | 21  |     | 4   |     | 17  | 7   |    |     |  | 109 00  | 00 | 1  | 150 00    |         |
| Imboden and Black Rock Circuit | 3  | 310  | 313  | 310   | 5   | 22  | 25  | 1   | 5   | 7   | 5  | 1-2 |  | 3000    | 60 | 2  | 800 00    |         |
| Jacksonport Mission            | 1  | 81   | 82   | 41    | 25  | 19  | 3   | 11  | 25  | 4   | 1  |     |  |         |    |    | 565 00    |         |
| Mammoth Spring and Williford   | 2  | 183  | 188  | 193   | 6   | 12  | 20  | 4   | 6   | 3   | 1  |     |  | 1560    | 00 | 1  | 1000 00   | 12 00   |
| Newport Station                |    | 192  | 192  | 181   | 8   | 26  | 29  | 6   | 6   | 1   | 1  |     |  | 2560    | 00 | 1  | 2530 00   | 2000 00 |
| Portia Circuit                 | 1  | 493  | 494  | 517   | 5   | 12  | 33  | 1   | 5   | 3   | 3  |     |  | 1600    | 00 |    |           | 315 25  |
| Pocahontas Circuit             | 1  | 336  | 337  | 395   | 8   | 41  | 16  | 2   | 4   | 5   | 5  |     |  | 2450    | 00 | 1  | 460 00    |         |
| Reyno "                        |    | 185  | 185  | 117   | 65  | 25  | 10  | 9   | 30  | 4   | 3  |     |  | 1630    | 00 |    |           | 65 00   |
| Siloam "                       | 4  | 426  | 430  | 182   | 21  | 8   | 58  | 6   | 21  | 6   | 4  |     |  | 1600    | 00 | 1  | 290 00    | 46 00   |
| Smithville "                   | 3  | 285  | 288  | 290   | 17  | 19  | 29  | 1   | 10  | 5   | 4  |     |  | 1600    | 00 | 1  | 500 00    | 39 00   |
| Tuckerman "                    |    | 680  | 680  | † 312 | 330 | 50  | 25  | 5   | 330 | 4   | 2  |     |  | 1250    | 00 | 1  | 660 00    | 50 00   |
| Walnut Hill Mission            | 4  | 173  | 177  | 160   | 6   | 10  | 2   | 1   | 4   | 6   | 2  |     |  | 275     | 00 | 1  | 150 00    | 10 00   |
| Walnut Ridge                   |    | 140  | 140  | 210   | 16  | 14  | 16  | 1   | 10  | 1   | 1  |     |  | 2000    | 00 | 1  | 800 00    | 40 00   |
| Total                          | 22 | 3875 | 3897 | 3372  | 520 | 273 | 292 | 105 | 473 | 59  | 35 | 1-2 |  | 21975   | 00 | 12 | 7790 00   | 185 00  |
| Total last year                | 20 | 3352 | 3372 | 251   | 110 | 322 | 55  | 166 | 33  | 1-2 |    |     |  | 7750    | 00 | 12 | 803 00    | 1256 10 |
| Increase                       | 2  | 523  | 525  | 269   | 113 | 50  | 307 |     | 2   |     |    |     |  | 40 00   |    |    |           | 1889 05 |
| Decrease                       |    |      |      |       |     | 50  |     |     |     |     |    |     |  | 2125 00 |    |    | 621 00    |         |

\* 103 of these off of Cache.

† 124 of the to off of Swifton.

**SEARCY DISTRICT—Membership, Baptisms and Church Property—1896.**

NAME OF CHARGE.

| NAME OF CHARGE.             | No. Local<br>Preachers | No. White<br>Members | Total Members<br>this Year. | Total Members<br>last Year. | Additions on<br>Prof. of Faith. | Add. by Certif'ct<br>and otherwise. | Removals by<br>Death, Certificate<br>and Otherwise. | Infants<br>Baptized. | Adults<br>Baptized, | No.<br>Chur-<br>ches. | \$ Value<br>of<br>Churches. | No. of<br>Parsonages. | Value of Other<br>Church Property. | Money Expended<br>for Churches<br>and Parsonages |         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------|
| Augusta Circuit             |                        | 118                  | 118                         | 186                         |                                 |                                     |   |                      |                     |                       | \$ 4000 00                  | 4                     | \$ 2000 00                         |  |         |
| Auvergne and Weldon Circuit | 145                    | 145                  | 147                         | 3                           | 11                              |                                     | 2   | 1                    | 1                   | 4                     | 2350 00                     |                       |                                    | \$ 550 00  |         |
| Bald Knob Circuit           | 165                    | 166                  | 100                         | 52                          | 23                              |                                     | 4   | 1                    | 43                  | 3                     | 2500 00                     |                       |                                    | 1056 00  |         |
| Augusta Station             | 142                    | 142                  | 108                         | 20                          | 12                              |                                     | 9   | 10                   | 12                  | 1                     | 4000 00                     |                       |                                    | 435 00   |         |
| Beebe and West Point        | 221                    | 221                  | 477                         | 16                          | 6                               |                                     | 11  | 7                    | 12                  | 2                     | 1750 00                     | 1                     | 1200 60                            | 10 00  |         |
| Beebe Circuit               | 529                    | 533                  | 206                         | 137                         | 16                              |                                     | 65  | 47                   | 90                  | 4                     | 2000 00                     |                       |                                    | 500 00   |         |
| El Paso Circuit             | 344                    | 314                  | 418                         | 19                          | 6                               |                                     | 12  | 12                   | 10                  | 3                     | 2100 00                     | 1                     | 250 00                             | 20 00  |         |
| Jacksonville Circuit        | 426                    | 429                  | 512                         | 34                          | 21                              |                                     | 20  | 23                   | 19                  | 3                     | 4000 00                     |                       |                                    | 93 00  |         |
| Mineral "                   | 383                    | 385                  | 373                         | 28                          | 6                               |                                     | 22  | 6                    | 23                  | 6                     | 2500 00                     | 1                     | 500 00                             | 75 00  |         |
| Mount Pisgah "              | 403                    | 407                  | 353                         | 33                          | 21                              |                                     | 35  | 1                    | 16                  | 4                     | 1906 00                     |                       |                                    | 300 00   |         |
| Searcy Station              | 416                    | 420                  | 366                         | 70                          | 20                              |                                     | 9   | 8                    | 30                  | 1                     | 7030 00                     |                       |                                    | 275 00   |         |
| Stony Point Circuit         | 401                    | 407                  | 373                         | 21                          | 5                               |                                     | 3   | 1                    | 8                   | 1                     | 1500 00                     |                       |                                    |  |         |
| Union and Revel Circuit     | 241                    | 245                  | 227                         | 33                          | 43                              |                                     | 9   | 9                    | 33                  | 2                     | 2200 00                     | 1                     | 250 00                             | 25 00  |         |
| Ward Mission                | 270                    | 272                  | 26                          | 13                          |                                 |                                     | 8   | 1                    | 23                  | 3                     | 1300 00                     |                       |                                    | 477 72   |         |
| West Searcy Circuit         | 281                    | 282                  | 441                         | 1                           | 21                              |                                     | 169   | 18                   | 5                   | 1-2                   | 1900 00                     |                       |                                    | 8 00   |         |
| <b>Total</b>                | 28                     | 4488                 | 4516                        | 4287                        | 493                             | 241                                 | 379   | 123                  | 320                 | 57                    | 48 3-4                      | 41006 00              | 7                                  | 7200 00  | 375 00  |
| <b>Total last Year</b>      | 28                     | 4259                 | 4287                        | 344                         | 147                             |                                     | 366   | 98                   | 216                 | 43                    | 3-4                         | 35240 00              | 8                                  | 7150 00  | 900 00  |
| <b>Increase</b>             | 229                    | 229                  |                             | 149                         | 94                              |                                     | 13  | 25                   | 104                 | 5                     |                             | 5766 00               |                                    | 50 00  | 3503 50 |
| <b>Decrease</b>             |                        |                      |                             |                             |                                 |                                     |   |                      |                     |                       |                             |                       | 1                                  | 525 00   | 194 78  |

## RECAPITULATION.

|                     |    |      |       |                   |       |      |                  |      |                 |        |                       |             |    |            |           |            |
|---------------------|----|------|-------|-------------------|-------|------|------------------|------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------|----|------------|-----------|------------|
| Batesville District | 52 | 5285 | 5337  | 6125 <sup>1</sup> | 362   | 203  | 730 <sup>1</sup> | 87   | 243             | 83     | 68 <sup>-4</sup>      | \$ 30230 00 | 15 | \$ 6015 00 | \$ 275 00 | \$ 2051 00 |
| Helena District     | 9  | 3468 | 3477  | 3012              | 525   | 215  | 212              | 112  | 370             | 50     | 34 <sup>-6</sup>      | 60500 00    | 12 | 8975 00    | 1030 50   | 3220 50    |
| Jonesboro District  | 24 | 7371 | 7395  | 6871              | 521   | 516  | 711              | 176  | 406             | 101    | 63 <sup>-2</sup>      | 50100 00    | 12 | 5800 00    | 1630 00   | 3676 95    |
| Newport District    | 22 | 3875 | 3897  | 3372              | 520   | 223  | 292              | 107  | 4 3             | 59     | 35 <sup>-2</sup>      | 21975 00    | 12 | 7790 00    | 185 00    | 3145 13    |
| Searcy District     | 28 | 4488 | 4516  | 4257              | 493   | 211  | 379              | 123  | 326             | 57     | 48 <sup>-4</sup>      | 41066 00    | 7  | 7200 00    | 375 00    | 3309 75    |
| Total               |    | 135  | 21487 | 21622             | 23667 | 2121 | 1163             | 2314 | 60 <sup>1</sup> | 1872   | 349 250 <sup>-6</sup> | 204111 00   | 58 | 35780 00   | 2895 50   | 15103 32   |
| Total last Year     |    | 144  | 23522 | 23667             | 21933 | 1397 | 923              | 1561 | 523             | 114    | 236                   | 201087 00   | 57 | 36272 00   | 3265 00   | 22496 63   |
| Increase            |    | 963  | 955   | 1734              | 1024  | 510  | 753              | 80   | 72 <sup>1</sup> | 14 5-6 | 3024 00               | 1           |    |            |           |            |
| Decrease            |    | 9    |       |                   |       |      |                  |      |                 |        |                       | 492 00      |    | 370 00     |           | 7693 31    |

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—FINANCE—1896.

| NAME OF CHARGE.        | Presiding Elder. |          | Preacher in Charge |          | Bishop. |         | Conference Claimants |          | Foreign Missions |         | Domestic Missions |         | Church Extension |         | Education |         | Exp. Del. Genl Conf. |         | Print Mts |        | Am. Bible Soc'y |             | Other Obj'ts |         | Total firm all So're s |
|------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------------------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------|------------------------|
|                        | Ass'd            | Paid     | Ass'd              | Paid     | Ass'd   | Paid    | Ass'd                | Paid     | Ass'd            | Paid    | Ass'd             | Paid    | Ass'd            | Paid    | Ass'd     | P'd     | As'd                 | P'd     | As'd      | P'd    | Am.             | Bible Soc'y | Other Obj'ts | Total   |                        |
| Batesville Station     | \$140 00         | \$128 56 | 1000 00            | \$950 00 | \$17 50 | \$17 50 | \$56 88              | \$105 00 | \$80 00          | \$37 63 | \$37 63           | \$21 00 | \$21 00          | \$12 25 | \$12 25   | \$11 09 |                      |         |           |        | \$ 6 53         | \$412 70    | \$1722 99    |         |                        |
| Central Avenue Mission | 20 00            | 10 50    | 200 00             | 95 00    | 2 50    |         | 8 13                 | 1 00     | 15 09            | 1 00    | 5 37              | 1 09    | 3 09             | 1 00    | 1 75      | 1 00    | 1 48                 |         |           |        |                 | 1 00        | 125 00       | 236 50  |                        |
| Sulphur Rock & Newark  | 30 00            | 29 89    | 300 00             | 269 01   | 3 75    | 3 75    | 12 20                |          | 22 50            | 20 00   | 8 07              | 8 07    | 4 50             |         | 2 62      |         | 2 18                 |         |           |        |                 | 50 00       | 381 25       |         |                        |
| Sulphur Rock Circuit   | 30 00            | 10 25    | 100 00             | 172 21   | 3 75    | 3 75    | 12 20                | 12 23    | 22 53            | 13 00   | 8 06              | 8 03    | 4 59             | 4 50    | 2 62      | 2 62    | 2 18                 | 2 12    | 53        | 1 65   | 1 85            | 232 74      |              |         |                        |
| Jamestown Circuit      | 50 00            | 22 00    | 250 00             | 133 00   | 6 25    | 6 25    | 20 36                | 5 09     | 37 50            | 7 00    | 13 45             | 4 00    | 7 50             | 2 00    | 4 38      | 2 00    | 4 00                 | 2 00    |           |        | 1 00            | 349 50      | 533 75       |         |                        |
| Cedar Grove Circuit    | 40 00            | 15 46    | 300 00             | 110 59   | 5 00    | 3 65    | 16 25                | 2 00     | 30 00            | 7 00    | 10 75             | 2 00    | 6 00             | 2 1     | 3 50      |         | 3 16                 |         |           |        | 2 80            | 62          | 160 00       | 301 88  |                        |
| Cushman Circuit        | 45 00            | 26 92    | 405 00             | 269 23   | 6 25    | 6 50    | 18 25                | 18 75    | 32 75            | 11 00   | 12 09             | 7 29    | 6 75             | 2 50    | 3 94      | 1 03    | 3 63                 | 2 00    | 90        | 1 00   |                 | 5 00        | 117 62       |         |                        |
| Oil Trough Mission     | 35 00            | 13 00    | 250 00             | 89 90    | 4 37    | 4 17    | 14 22                | 1 30     | 25 25            | 2 00    | 9 41              | 1 00    | 5 25             |         | 3 07      |         | 4 82                 |         |           |        |                 |             |              | 347 00  |                        |
| Melbourne Circuit      | 55 00            | 35 33    | 300 00             | 212 05   | 6 88    | 6 88    | 22 32                | 2 00     | 41 45            | 10 00   | 14 78             | 5 00    | 8 25             |         |           |         | 2 80                 | 1 25    |           |        |                 |             |              |         |                        |
| LaCross Circuit        | 20 00            | 9 33     | 200 00             | 97 26    | 2 50    | 2 50    | 8 13                 | 2 50     | 15 00            | 2 00    | 5 37              | 2 09    | 3 00             | 50      | 1 75      |         | 1 48                 |         |           |        |                 |             |              | 12 50   |                        |
| Newburg Circuit        | 45 00            | 23 75    | 258 00             | 168 52   | 5 62    | 5 62    | 13 25                |          | 33 45            | 3 49    | 12 09             | 6 75    |                  | 3 93    |           | 3 60    |                      | 90      |           |        |                 |             |              |         | 116 09                 |
| Iuka Mission           | 20 00            | 20 00    | 125 00             | 74 26    | 2 50    | 2 50    | 8 13                 | 2 00     | 15 00            | 2 20    | 5 37              | 4 25    | 3 00             | 1 75    |           | 25      |                      |         |           |        |                 |             |              | 30 25   |                        |
| Mountain View Circuit  | 45 00            | 16 20    | 350 00             | 185 66   | 5 63    | 3 50    | 18 25                | 5 50     | 33 95            | 3 50    | 12 10             | 6 00    | 6 75             | 80      | 3 94      |         | 2 06                 |         |           |        |                 |             |              | 61 50   |                        |
| Richwoods Mission      | 10 00            | 4 90     | 100 00             | 23 22    | 1 25    |         | 4 07                 |          | 7 50             |         | 2 68              | 1 50    |                  | 87      |           | 72      |                      |         |           |        |                 |             |              | 114 45  |                        |
| Evening Shade Circuit  | 60 00            | 33 48    | 440 00             | 291 16   | 7 50    | 7 50    | 21 38                | 10 00    | 45 00            | 10 00   | 16 13             | 16 00   | 9 00             | 2 50    | 5 25      | 3 00    | 4 32                 | 2 65    | 1 00      | 1 15   | 165 00          | 545 29      |              |         |                        |
| Salem Circuit          | 50 00            | 26 95    | 400 00             | 236 97   | 6 85    | 6 25    | 20 31                | 11 00    | 37 50            | 10 00   | 14 21             | 7 25    | 7 50             | 3 00    | 4 38      | 2 00    | 4 00                 | 1 75    | 1 00      | 1 15   | 40 00           | 347 32      |              |         |                        |
| Indian Camp Circuit    | 20 00            | 16 06    | 205 00             | 150 53   | 2 50    | 2 50    | 8 13                 | 4 00     | 15 00            | 2 00    | 5 37              | 3 00    | 3 00             | 1 75    |           | 1 48    |                      | 37      | 78        | 135 00 | 317 21          |             |              |         |                        |
| Viola Circuit          | 30 00            | 11 50    | 270 00             | 100 67   | 3 75    | 3 75    | 12 20                | 2 00     | 22 50            | 4 50    | 8 07              | 2 00    | 4 59             | 1 00    | 2 62      | 59      | 2 12                 | 55      | 50        | 10     | 16 00           | 143 07      |              |         |                        |
| Calamine Circuit       | 35 00            | 8 25     | 327 00             | 81 60    | 4 37    | 4 37    | 14 21                | 1 00     | 26 25            | 3 00    | 9 40              | 2 00    | 5 25             |         | 3 06      |         | 2 80                 | 70      | 1 00      |        |                 |             |              | 101 92  |                        |
| Ash Flat Circuit       | 20 00            | 14 01    | 280 00             | 174 16   | 2 56    | 2 50    | 8 13                 | 3 45     | 15 00            |         | 5 37              |         | 3 00             | 1 75    |           | 1 48    |                      |         |           |        |                 |             |              | 600 00  |                        |
| Total                  | 800 00           | 476 28   | 6257 00            | 3918 00  | 101 28  | 87 82   | 325 00               | 140 58   | 600 10           | 191 69  | 215 77            | 116 46  | 120 00           | 42 01   | 70 00     | 24 62   | 69 12                | 12 32   | 8 03      | 15 63  | 2278 75         | 7312 10     |              |         |                        |
| Total last year        | 807 00           | 491 22   | 5914 00            | 3876 59  | 101 05  | 104 67  | 283 86               | 136 06   | 523 95           | 233 45  | 181 15            | 84 89   | 105 05           | 49 20   | 83 87     | 36 22   |                      |         |           |        | 9 38            | 28 25       | 3401 44      | 8451 37 |                        |
| Increase               |                  |          |                    | 313 00   | 41 41   | 23      | 41 14                | 4 52     | 71 15            |         | 34 62             | 31 57   | 11 95            | 41 85   |           | 7 19    | 13 87                | 11 60   |           |        |                 |             |              |         | 60 12                  |
| Decrease               |                  | 7 00     | 17 94              |          |         |         | 16 85                |          |                  |         |                   |         |                  |         |           | 1 38    | 12 62                | 1122 69 | 1142 27   |        |                 |             |              |         |                        |

HELENA DISTRICT—FINANCE—1896.

|                        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |         |            |         |          |         |  |        |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|------------|---------|----------|---------|--|--------|
| Cypress Ridge Circuit  | 50 00   | 13 25   | 400 00  | 157 23  | 5 90   | 5 00   | 17 00  |        | 32 00  |        | 11 20  | 7 20   |        | 5 00   | 1 50   | 3 50   |       |         |            |         | 125 00   | 301 98  |  |        |
| Clarendoone Station    | 100 00  | 100 00  | 800 00  | 750 00  | 11 45  | 11 45  | 33 00  | 33 00  | 60 00  | 48 00  | 27 50  | 21 50  | 14 00  |        | 9 25   | 79 25  | 7 00  |         | 2 00       | 42 85   | 537 50   | 1325 55 |  |        |
| Cotton Plant & Howell  | 100 00  | 92 80   | 550 00  | 692 45  | 11 45  | 11 45  | 33 60  | 33 00  | 60 00  | 25 00  | 27 50  | 25 00  | 14 00  | 7 00   | 9 35   | 5 00   | 7 00  | 4 00    | 2 00       |         | 10 00    | 937 70  |  |        |
| Brinkley Mission       | 50 00   | 39 68   | 400 00  | 360 47  | 5 90   | 5 90   | 17 00  |        | 13 50  | 32 00  | 29 00  | 11 20  | 14 20  | 7 20   | 5 00   | 5 00   | 3 50  | 1 00    | 1 00       | 4 95    | 168 35   | 641 25  |  |        |
| DeVew Mission          | 60 00   | 41 50   | 400 00  | 209 37  | 6 90   | 5 20   | 20 00  | 1 00   | 37 35  | 13 20  | 16 55  | 16 55  | 8 35   |        | 4 25   | 70     | 5 65  | 1 55    |            |         | 269 85   | 558 92  |  |        |
| Forrest City Station   | 120 00  | 102 85  | 900 00  | 771 43  | 13 30  | 13 30  | 38 25  | 38 00  | 72 00  | 72 00  | 32 00  | 32 00  | 16 20  | 16 20  | 10 99  | 11 00  | 8 00  | 10 25   |            | 3 40    | 242 35   | 131 78  |  |        |
| Haynes Circuit         | 70 00   | 44 55   | 630 00  | 400 41  | 7 40   | 7 40   | 21 25  | 10 00  | 40 00  | 15 00  | 17 75  | 8 00   | 9 00   | 5 00   | 6 00   | 3 00   | 4 50  |         |            |         |          |         |  | 235 55 |
| Helena Station         | 180 00  | 150 00  | 1200 00 | 1600 00 | 20 70  | 20 00  | 59 50  | 59 00  | 112 00 | 50 00  | 49 70  | 30 00  | 25 20  | 10 00  | 16 95  | 12 00  | 12 60 |         |            |         | 1267 00  | 2601 00 |  |        |
| Holly Grove and Marvel | 85 00   | 62 00   | 500 00  | 363 00  | 9 50   | 9 50   | 27 50  | 5 00   | 52 00  | 5 00   | 23 00  | 2 00   | 11 75  | 4 00   | 8 09   | 5 09   | 5 85  | 50 1 50 |            |         | 912 00   | 1309 50 |  |        |
| Marianna Station       | 120 00  | 120 00  | 900 00  | 900 00  | 13 30  | 13 30  | 38 25  | 38 25  | 72 00  | 72 00  | 32 00  | 32 00  | 16 20  | 16 20  | 10 99  | 10 99  | 8 00  | 8 00    | 2 25       |         | 224 28   | 1437 18 |  |        |
| McCrary and Wynne      | 75 00   | 60 60   | 700 00  | 566 00  | 8 90   | 8 90   | 25 50  | 15 00  | 48 00  | 20 00  | 21 39  | 15 00  | 10 85  | 3 00   | 7 25   | 5 09   | 5 40  | 2 00    | 1 50       |         | 55 75    | 752 75  |  |        |
| Oak Forest Circuit     | 50 00   | 27 15   | 300 00  | 149 80  | 5 90   | 4 00   | 17 00  | 5 50   | 32 00  | 8 75   | 14 20  | 4 75   | 7 20   | 1 25   | 5 09   | 1 00   | 3 50  |         |            |         |          |         |  | 202 20 |
| Taylor's Creek Circuit | 60 00   | 39 75   | 465 00  | 258 37  | 6 90   | 6 20   | 20 00  | 16 50  | 37 35  | 15 00  | 16 55  | 11 00  | 8 35   | 3 00   | 4 25   | 2 50   | 5 65  | 2 65    | 1 00       |         | 22 60    | 377 94  |  |        |
| Turner Mission         | 35 00   | 23 65   | 280 00  | 189 30  | 4 00   | 4 00   | 11 70  | 5 85   | 22 00  | 11 00  | 9 70   | 4 85   | 5 00   | 2 50   | 3 25   | 1 65   | 2 00  | 1 00    | 1 00       |         | 11 00    | 253 89  |  |        |
| Wheatley Circuit       | 50 00   | 21 00   | 400 00  | 188 42  | 5 90   | 4 00   | 17 00  | 6 00   | 32 00  | 5 00   | 14 20  | 5 50   | 7 20   |        | 5 00   |        | 3 50  |         |            |         |          |         |  | 9 60   |
| LaGrange Circuit       | 100 00  | 100 00  | 525 00  | 525 00  | 11 45  | 11 50  | 33 00  | 20 00  | 60 00  | 25 00  | 27 50  | 14 00  | 11 00  | 5 00   | 9 55   | 5 00   | 7 00  | 2 00    | 1 09       |         | 80 00    | 788 50  |  |        |
| Total                  | 1305 00 | 1038 78 | 9550 00 | 7481 25 | 148 85 | 141 10 | 428 95 | 299 60 | 800 70 | 401 95 | 357 85 | 236 35 | 181 65 | 80 35  | 119 70 | 148 50 | 92 65 | 31 40   | 1880 51 23 | 4169 63 | 14101 91 |         |  |        |
| Total last Year        | 1275 00 | 1085 46 | 8732 00 | 7458 22 | 150 25 | 146 80 | 384 50 | 285 55 | 771 93 | 466 30 | 313 95 | 231 75 | 167 60 | 122 35 | 160 60 | 150 80 | 50    | 50      | 1895 57 40 | 3587 79 | 13611 87 |         |  |        |
| Increase               | 30 00   |         | 818 00  | 23 03   |        |        | 44 45  | 14 05  | 28 80  |        | 43 90  | 4 60   |        | 14 05  | 42 00  | 40 90  | 2 30  |         |            | 579 84  | 550 04   |         |  |        |
| Decrease               |         | 46 68   |         |         |        | 1 40   | 5 70   |        |        | 61 45  |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |         | 15         | 6 20    |          |         |  |        |

## JONESBORO DISTRICT—FINANCE—1896.

| NAME OF CHARGE.        | Presiding Elder. |          | Preacher in Charge. |           | Bishops. |         | Conference Claimants |          | Foreign Missions. |          | Domestic Missions |         | Church Extension |         | Education |         | Exp. Del. Genl Conf |         |                  |              | Total            |
|------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------------------|---------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                        | Ass'd            | Paid     | Ass'd               | Paid      | Ass'd    | Paid    | Ass'd                | Paid     | Ass'd             | Paid     | Ass'd             | P'd     | Ass'd            | P'd     | Ass'd     | P'd     | Ass'd               | P'd     | Am. Biblic Soc'y | Other Obj'ts | frm all So'res   |
| Boydsburg Circuit      | \$ 62 30         | \$ 40 90 | 445 00              | \$ 300 69 | \$ 6 50  | \$ 6 50 | \$ 18 65             | \$ 15 00 | \$ 35 45          | \$ 10 00 | \$ 11 75          | \$ 6 00 | \$ 7 45          | \$ 1 00 | \$ 5 35   | \$ 5 35 | \$ 3 80             | \$ 1 00 | 50               | 23 00        | \$ 381 09        |
| Brookland Circuit      | 37 10            | 22 90    | 250 00              | 141 85    | 3 75     | 3 75    | 11 10                | 9 00     | 21 00             | 10 15    | 9 00              | 5 00    | 4 40             | 2 00    | 3 15      | 1 00    | 2 25                | 1 00    | 50               | 23 00        | 220 15           |
| Buffalo Island Circuit | 44 10            | 5 90     | 310 00              | 46 50     | 4 30     | 4 30    | 13 20                |          | 25 25             |          | 10 15             |         | 5 25             |         | 3 80      |         | 2 50                |         | 56 70            |              |                  |
| Blytheville "          | 56 00            | 56 00    | 400 00              | 400 00    | 5 90     | 5 90    | 16 80                | 16 80    | 32 00             | 32 00    | 13 75             | 13 75   | 6 70             | 6 70    | 4 80      | 4 80    | 3 40                | 3 40    | 90               | 562 90       | 1103 15          |
| Gainesville "          | 59 50            | 40 00    | 425 00              | 300 00    | 5 20     | 5 20    | 17 75                | 12 00    | 31 00             | 11 00    | 11 65             | 10 00   | 7 20             | 2 50    | 5 10      | 1 00    | 3 00                | 1 50    | 85               |              | 384 05           |
| Golden Lake "          | 63 00            | 45 95    | 450 00              | 327 95    | 6 50     | 6 50    | 19 00                | 9 80     | 35 50             | 17 75    | 15 00             | 7 50    | 7 50             | 3 75    | 5 45      | 2 00    | 3 75                | 1 60    | 486 90           | 909 10       |                  |
| Harrisburg "           | 70 00            | 54 56    | 500 00              | 389 63    | 7 00     | 7 00    | 21 00                | 15 00    | 39 50             | 23 00    | 17 00             | 11 50   | 8 45             | 5 25    | 6 05      | 4 05    | 4 25                | 3 00    | 125              | 1 80         | 215 55           |
| Jonesboro Station      | 126 00           | 135 00   | 900 00              | 900 00    | 13 00    | 13 00   | 37 90                | 37 90    | 70 00             | 250 00   | 29 80             | 45 00   | 15 25            | 15 25   | 11 00     | 11 00   | 7 15                | 7 15    | 2 60             | 31 26        | 390 00           |
| Lorado Circuit         | 42 00            | 33 00    | 300 00              | 247 67    | 4 25     | 4 25    | 12 60                |          | 23 60             |          | 10 00             |         | 5 00             |         | 1 00      |         | 3 60                |         | 70               | 50 00        | 351 62           |
| Marion "               | 70 00            | 72 25    | 500 00              | 515 75    | 7 00     | 7 00    | 21 00                | 21 00    | 39 50             | 39 50    | 17 00             | 17 00   | 8 45             | 8 45    | 6 05      | 6 07    | 4 25                | 4 25    | 1 25             | 2 00         | 1089 50          |
| Main Shore Mission     | 21 00            | 10 80    | 105 00              | 77 00     | 2 25     | 2 25    | 6 30                 |          | 11 75             |          | 5 60              | 3 00    | 2 50             | 2 50    | 1 30      |         | 1 90                |         | 450 35           | 545 90       |                  |
| Marmaduke "            | 28 00            | 19 00    | 200 00              | 135 00    | 2 90     | 2 90    | 8 25                 |          | 15 75             |          | 6 75              | 6 75    | 3 30             |         | 2 40      |         | 1 70                |         | 50               |              | 161 15           |
| Nettleton Circuit      | 42 00            | 42 00    | 300 00              | 326 25    | 4 30     | 4 35    | 12 60                | 5 45     | 23 50             | 3 00     | 10 00             | 5 00    | 5 00             | 2 00    | 3 60      |         | 2 65                | 1 00    | 65               | 34 40        | 423 10           |
| Osceola "              | 49 00            | 49 00    | 370 00              | 370 00    | 5 00     | 5 00    | 14 70                | 10 00    | 27 60             | 20 00    | 12 60             | 8 00    | 5 80             | 5 00    | 4 20      | 2 00    | 2 50                |         | 1 00             | 500 00       | 970 00           |
| Osceola Station        | 56 00            | 56 00    | 400 00              | 400 00    | 5 90     | 5 90    | 16 80                | 16 80    | 32 00             | 16 00    | 13 75             | 13 75   | 6 70             | 6 70    | 4 80      | 4 80    | 3 40                | 3 40    | 90               | 1 00         | 117 00           |
| Paragould Station      | 140 00           | 140 00   | 1000 00             | 1000 00   | 14 40    | 17 25   | 40 00                | 40 00    | 77 50             | 77 50    | 31 75             | 31 75   | 29 50            | 20 50   | 15 00     | 15 00   | 10 00               | 10 00   | 2 30             | 2 00         | 590 00           |
| Paragould Circuit      | 60 20            | 46 00    | 430 00              | 301 60    | 5 25     | 5 25    | 18 35                |          | 31 10             | 30 00    | 14 75             | 11 00   | 7 25             |         | 5 15      |         | 3 65                |         | 95               | 50 00        | 450 20           |
| Shiloh "               | 63 00            | 45 50    | 450 00              | 322 76    | 6 50     | 6 50    | 19 00                | 16 25    | 35 50             | 13 50    | 15 00             | 12 75   | 7 50             | 5 50    | 5 45      |         | 3 75                | 2 50    | 1 00             |              | 420 26           |
| St. Francis "          | 69 90            | 50 45    | 435 00              | 360 33    | 6 25     | 6 25    | 18 30                | 18 30    | 31 50             | 31 50    | 11 65             | 11 65   | 7 35             | 7 35    | 5 20      | 5 20    | 3 70                | 3 70    | 95               | 235 00       | 736 68           |
| Vandalie "             | 70 00            | 42 00    | 500 00              | 300 00    | 7 00     | 7 00    | 21 00                | 5 00     | 39 50             | 5 00     | 17 00             | 5 00    | 8 45             |         | 6 05      | 12 00   | 4 25                |         | 15 00            | 140 00       | 531 00           |
| Total .....            | 1220 10          | 1007 21  | 8670 00             | 7165 38   | 123 15   | 126 05  | 361 30               | 253 30   | 687 50            | 600 90   | 291 75            | 235 40  | 150 00           | 95 45   | 108 00    | 67 85   | 75 00               | 31 90   | 1505             | 51 71        | 493160 14587 80  |
| Total last Year        | 1232 49          | 974 07   | 8780 00             | 7165 96   | 131 90   | 118 66  | 353 50               | 267 53   | 613 60            | 489 18   | 261 23            | 192 59  | 138 00           | 116 73  | 122 01    | 89 45   | 2 00                | 1 09    | 1515             | 41 41        | 1522719 24619 90 |
| Increase.              |                  | 33 14    |                     |           |          |         | 7 39                 | 10 80    | 43 90             | 111 72   | 27 52             | 42 81   | 12 00            |         |           |         | 73 00               | 30 90   | 13 30            |              |                  |
| Decrease               | 12 39            | 110 00   | 58                  | 1 25      |          |         | 14 23                |          |                   |          | 21 23             | 16 01   | 12 00            |         |           |         | 10                  |         |                  |              | 1128259 10062 10 |

## NEWPORT DISTRICT—FINANCE—1896.

SEARCY DISTRICT—FINANCE—1896.

|                         |         |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       |         |               |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|---------------|
| Augusta Circuit         | 60 00   | 53 55  | 800 00  | 417     | 10 00  | 7 65   | 37 50  | 22 50  | 65 00  | 25     | 30 00  | 15 00  | 15 00  | 5 00  | 4 00   | 8 00  | 11 51 | 10 00   | 567 21        |
| Auvergne & Weldon C't   | 80 00   | 60 90  | 600 00  | 458 75  | 12 00  | 12     | 30 00  | 15     | 60 00  | 9      | 25 00  | 7      | 13 00  | 4     | 3 00   | 3 00  | 2 00  | 550     | 1125 17       |
| Bald Knob Circuit       | 25 00   | 25 00  | 225 00  | 193 99  | 5 00   | 5      | 15 00  | 10     | 15 00  | 10     | 10 00  | 4      | 6 00   | 2     | 2 00   | 1 00  | 50    | 1056    | 1309 49       |
| Augusta Station         | 100 00  | 100 00 | 600 00  | 400     | 13 00  | 13     | 35 00  | 21     | 65 00  | 39     | 30 00  | 21     | 15 00  | 9     | 4 00   | 6     |       | 603 00  |               |
| Beebe and West Point    | 75 00   | 54 05  | 550 00  | 378 45  | 12 00  | 10     | 35 00  | 20     | 70 00  | 40     | 30 00  | 20     | 15 00  | 8     | 4 00   | 3 00  | 8     | 4 00    | 1 50          |
| Beebe Circuit           | 80 00   | 46 04  | 400 00  | 245 54  | 10 00  | 10     | 25 00  | 9      | 50 00  | 20     | 20 00  | 7      | 10 00  | 2     | 3 00   | 5     |       | 132 73  | 671 73        |
| El Paso Circuit         | 60 00   | 43 60  | 400 00  | 290 55  | 10 00  | 10     | 20 00  | 11     | 50 00  | 25     | 20 00  | 10     | 15 00  | 7     | 4 00   | 2 00  | 1 00  | 20 00   | 426 15        |
| Jacksonville Circuit    | 80 00   | 47 80  | 500 00  | 310 70  | 12 00  | 12     | 37 50  | 13 85  | 60 00  | 15     | 25 00  | 10     | 15 00  | 2 70  | 4 00   | 1 00  | 8     | 2 00    | 3 20          |
| Mineral "               | 50 00   | 26 00  | 350 00  | 221     | 10 00  | 10     | 20 00  | 18     | 45 00  | 24     | 20 00  | 18     | 15 00  | 1     | 4 00   | 8     | 75    |         | 420 25        |
| Mount Pisgah "          | 60 00   | 43 95  | 285 00  | 245 40  | 10 00  | 10     | 20 00  | 13     | 45 00  | 29 65  | 15 00  | 9 50   | 8 00   | 5     | 2 00   | 1 25  | 4     | 2 25    | 1 00          |
| Searcy Station          | 185 00  | 185 00 | 1000 00 | 1000    | 25 00  | 25     | 75 00  | 70     | 130 00 | 130    | 65 00  | 60     | 24 00  | 24    | 10 00  | 10 00 | 10    | 10 3    | 20 00         |
| Stony Point Circuit     | 35 00   | 19 90  | 310 00  | 106 18  | 5 00   | 5      | 17 50  | 3      | 25 00  | 5      | 10 00  | 3      | 6 00   | 1 50  | 2 00   | 2     | 1 1   |         | 340 00        |
| Union and Revel Circuit | 50 00   | 50 00  | 500 00  | 254 30  | 8 00   | 8      | 20 00  | 15     | 35 00  | 10     | 12 50  | 6      | 8 00   | 3 90  | 2 00   | 3     | 1     |         | 277 15        |
| Ward Mission            | 20 00   | 17 80  | 180 00  | 113     | 3 00   | 3      | 10 00  | 2      | 15 00  | 8 75   | 3 00   | 10     | 1 00   | 75    | 1      | 75 1  |       | 348 20  |               |
| West Searcy Circuit     | 50 00   | 29 21  | 500 00  | 262 94  | 10 00  | 10     | 30 00  | 15     | 60 00  | 11 20  | 25 00  | 10     | 15 00  | 4 00  | 1 00   | 7     | 1     |         | 477 72        |
| Total                   | 1010 00 | 802 80 | 7200 00 | 4900 80 | 155 00 | 150 65 | 427 50 | 258 35 | 790 00 | 401 60 | 340 50 | 210 50 | 181 00 | 75 85 | 53 00  | 23 00 | 84 00 | 27 75   | 1602          |
| Total last Year         | 1000 00 | 807 11 | 6935 00 | 5133 25 | 152 00 | 149 00 | 373 00 | 245 00 | 740 00 | 476 27 | 311 00 | 211 00 | 167 00 | 99 50 | 120 00 | 78 75 |       | 1450    | 11 35 4204 64 |
| Increase                | 10 00   |        | 265 00  |         | 3 00   | 1 65   | 54 50  | 13 55  | 50 00  |        | 29 50  |        | 14 00  |       |        |       |       |         | 11430 37      |
| Decrease                |         | 4 31   |         | 232 45  |        |        |        |        |        | 74 67  |        | 50     | 23 65  | 67 00 | 55 75  |       |       |         |               |
|                         |         |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       | 1217 04 | 1534 24       |

RECAPITULATION.

|                     |         |         |         |         |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |            |          |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Batesville District | 800 00  | 476 28  | 6257 00 | 3918 00 | 101 28 | 87 82  | 325 00  | 140 58  | 600 10  | 191 60  | 215 77  | 116 46 | 120 00 | 42 01  | 70 00  | 21 62  | 60 12  | 12 32  | 8 03        | 15 63      | 2278 75  | 7312 10 |
| Helena District     | 1305 00 | 1038 78 | 9550 00 | 7481 25 | 148 85 | 141 10 | 428 95  | 299 60  | 800 70  | 404 95  | 375 85  | 236 35 | 181 65 | 80 35  | 119 70 | 148 50 | 92 65  | 31 40  | 1880 51     | 4169 63    | 14101 91 |         |
| Jonesboro District  | 1220 10 | 1007 21 | 8670 00 | 7165 38 | 123 15 | 126 05 | 364 30  | 253 30  | 687 50  | 600 90  | 291 75  | 235 40 | 150 00 | 95 45  | 108 00 | 67 85  | 75 00  | 31 90  | 1505 54     | 71 4934 60 | 14587 80 |         |
| Newport District    | 970 34  | 727 24  | 6790 30 | 4636 49 | 100 00 | 98 95  | 325 00  | 186 72  | 600 00  | 280 79  | 214 00  | 158 15 | 120 00 | 43 40  | 91 00  | 38 10  | 60 00  | 19 36  | 1345 34     | 37 3686 88 | 9923 90  |         |
| Searcy District     | 1010 00 | 802 80  | 7200 00 | 4900 80 | 155 00 | 150 65 | 427 50  | 258 35  | 790 00  | 401 60  | 340 50  | 210 50 | 181 00 | 75 85  | 53 00  | 23 00  | 84 00  | 27 75  | 1602 41 21  | 2987 60    | 9896 13  |         |
| Total               | 5305 44 | 4052 31 | 3846730 | 2810192 | 628 28 | 604 57 | 1870 75 | 1138 55 | 3478 30 | 1879 84 | 1437 87 | 956 86 | 752 65 | 337 06 | 441 70 | 302 07 | 371 77 | 122 73 | 7135 197 12 | 1805746    | 55821 84 |         |
| Total last Year     | 5284 49 | 3843 76 | 3710400 | 2784393 | 637 40 | 607 65 | 1685 86 | 1084 80 | 3266 45 | 1921 10 | 1264 33 | 837 13 | 693 65 | 434 68 | 543 78 | 368 82 | 2 50   | 3 00   | 7133 160 41 | 2887342    | 66100 03 |         |
| Increase            | 20 95   | 208 55  | 1363 30 | 257 99  |        |        |         | 184 89  | 53 75   | 211 85  |         | 173 54 | 119 73 | 59 00  |        |        |        | 369 27 | 119 73      | 02 36 71   |          |         |
| Decrease            |         |         |         |         | 9 12   | 3 08   |         |         |         | 41 26   |         |        |        | 97 62  | 102 08 | 66 75  |        |        |             | 1081596    | 10278 19 |         |

**EPWORTH LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.**

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT—1896.**

| NAME OF CHARGE.        | No. E. Leagues | No. E. League Members. | No. Sunday Schools. | No. Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars. | Amount Collected for Sunday Schools. | Am't Collected for Missions.      |                                   | Total Amount Raised. |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
|                        |                |                        |                     |                            |               |                                      | Am't Collected on Children's Day. | Am't Collected for Other Objects, |                      |
| Batesville Station     |                |                        | 1                   | 14                         | 125           | \$ 70 18 \$                          | \$ 7 77                           | \$ 4 05                           | \$ 82 03             |
| Central Avenue Mission |                |                        | 1                   | 4                          | 40            | 10 00                                | 65                                |                                   | 10 65                |
| Sulphur Rock & Newark  |                |                        | 1                   | 8                          | 75            | 10 00                                |                                   |                                   | 10 00                |
| Sulphur Rock Circuit   |                |                        | 2                   | 10                         | 65            | 3 70                                 |                                   |                                   | 3 70                 |
| Jamestown "            |                |                        | 2                   | 15                         | 50            |                                      |                                   | 13 50                             | 13 50                |
| Cedar Grove "          |                |                        | 2                   | 9                          | 65            | 1 00                                 | 1 00                              |                                   | 2 00                 |
| Cushman "              | 1              | 30                     | 5                   | 25                         | 180           | 9 70                                 | 5 42                              |                                   | 15 12                |
| Oil Trough Mission     |                |                        | 2                   | 15                         | 100           | 12 28                                | 3 00                              |                                   | 15 23                |
| Melbourne Circuit      |                |                        | 2                   | 13                         | 90            | 20 00                                |                                   |                                   | 20 00                |
| LaCross "              |                |                        | 1                   | 12                         | 90            |                                      |                                   | 1 20                              | 1 20                 |
| Newberg "              |                |                        |                     |                            |               | 7 70                                 |                                   |                                   | 7 70                 |
| Iuka Mission           |                |                        | 4                   | 17                         | 115           | 3 45                                 |                                   |                                   | 3 45                 |
| Mountain View Circuit  |                |                        | 1                   | 8                          | 78            | 23 00                                |                                   |                                   | 23 00                |
| Richwoods Mission      |                |                        |                     |                            |               |                                      |                                   |                                   |                      |
| Evening Shade Circuit  |                |                        | 3                   | 15                         | 125           | 29 77                                | 6 95                              |                                   | 27 72                |
| Salem "                |                |                        | 3                   | 17                         | 220           | 18 00                                | 85                                |                                   | 18 85                |
| Indian Camp "          | 1              | 25                     | 3                   | 18                         | 125           | 4 50                                 |                                   |                                   | 4 50                 |
| Viola "                |                |                        | 4                   | 25                         | 150           | 4 00                                 |                                   |                                   | 4 00                 |
| Calamine "             |                |                        | 4                   | 10                         | 150           | 5 00                                 |                                   |                                   | 5 00                 |
| Ash Flat "             |                |                        | 3                   | 18                         | 126           | 5 85                                 |                                   |                                   | 5 85                 |
| Total                  | 2              | 55                     | 44                  | 245                        | 1959          | 232 13                               | 25 64                             | 18 78                             | 246 33               |
| Total last Year        |                |                        | 44                  | 241                        | 1896          | 220 11                               | 39 77                             | 24 07                             | 233 95               |
| Increase               | 2              | 55                     |                     | 4                          | 63            | 12 02                                |                                   | 1 57                              | 18 78                |
| Decrease               |                |                        |                     |                            |               | 39 77                                |                                   |                                   | 7 40                 |

**HELENA DISTRICT—1896**

|                       |   |     |    |     |        |        |       |        |        |
|-----------------------|---|-----|----|-----|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Cypress Ridge Circuit |   | 5   | 19 | 172 | 16 30  |        |       |        | 16 30  |
| Clarendon Station     | 1 | 20  | 1  | 8   | 54     | 23 47  |       | 14 10  | 37 57  |
| Cotton Plant & Howell |   | 2   | 13 | 100 | 41 00  |        | 8 35  |        | 49 35  |
| Brinkley Mission      | 1 | 30  | 1  | 10  | 52     | 35 00  |       | 3 00   | 38 00  |
| DeView Mission        | 1 | 20  | 4  | 26  | 232    | 30 30  | 16 00 |        | 46 30  |
| Forrest City Station  | 2 | 100 | 1  | 12  | 118    | 54 99  | 14 00 | 2 00   | 70 99  |
| Haynes Circuit        |   | 4   | 28 | 200 | 40 00  |        |       | 75 00  | 115 00 |
| Helena Station        |   | 1   | 20 | 160 | 198 51 | 38 00  |       | 167 00 | 403 51 |
| Holly Grove & Marvel  | 1 | 28  | 2  | 17  | 70     | 38 50  |       | 2 50   | 41 00  |
| Marianna Station      | 1 | 54  | 1  | 12  | 70     | 59 49  |       | 10 00  | 69 49  |
| McCrory and Wynne     | 2 | 63  | 2  | 18  | 167    | 55 67  |       | 5 75   | 61 42  |
| Oak Forest Circuit    |   | 4   | 22 | 210 | 5 90   |        |       |        | 5 90   |
| Taylor's Creek "      |   | 4   | 30 | 200 | 22 00  |        |       | 2 00   | 21 00  |
| Turner Mission        |   | 2   | 10 | 60  | 6 00   |        |       |        | 6 00   |
| Wheatley Circuit      |   | 5   | 25 | 200 | 20 00  |        |       | 9 00   | 29 00  |
| Lagrange "            |   | 2   | 8  | 80  | 32 00  | 10 75  |       |        | 42 75  |
| Total                 | 9 | 315 | 41 | 278 | 2145   | 679 04 | 78 75 | 23 60  | 275 10 |
| Total last Year       | 4 | 133 | 33 | 239 | 1752   | 482 04 | 17 25 | 20 70  | 288 25 |
| Increase              | 5 | 182 | 8  | 39  | 383    | 197 00 | 61 50 | 2 90   | 248 35 |
| Decrease              |   |     |    |     |        | 13 15  |       |        |        |

**JONESBORO DISTRICT—1896.**

|                        |   |    |    |     |       |        |       |       |       |
|------------------------|---|----|----|-----|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Boydsville Circuit     |   | 5  | 30 | 200 | 17 50 |        | 5 00  |       | 22 50 |
| Brookland Circuit      |   | 5  | 20 | 125 | 4 00  |        | 2 78  |       | 6 78  |
| Buffalo Island Circuit |   | 2  | 15 | 65  |       | 2 50   |       |       | 2 50  |
| Blytheville "          |   | 6  | 30 | 264 | 24 50 |        | 8 15  |       | 32 65 |
| Gainesville "          |   | 5  | 30 | 275 | 21 02 |        | 2 50  |       | 23 52 |
| Golden Lake "          |   | 3  | 15 | 120 | 18 90 |        |       | 2 00  | 20 90 |
| Harrisburg "           |   | 5  | 37 | 300 | 50 40 |        | 5 15  | 10 00 | 65 55 |
| Jonesboro Station      | 1 | 42 | 1  | 25  | 283   | 122 55 | 44 75 | 12 00 | 11 38 |
| Lorado Circuit         |   | 6  | 40 | 350 | 25 00 |        |       |       | 25 00 |
| Marion "               |   | 10 | 32 | 293 | 40 00 |        | 9 00  | 46 25 | 95 25 |

## **EPWORTH LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.**

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**NEWPORT DISTRICT—1896**

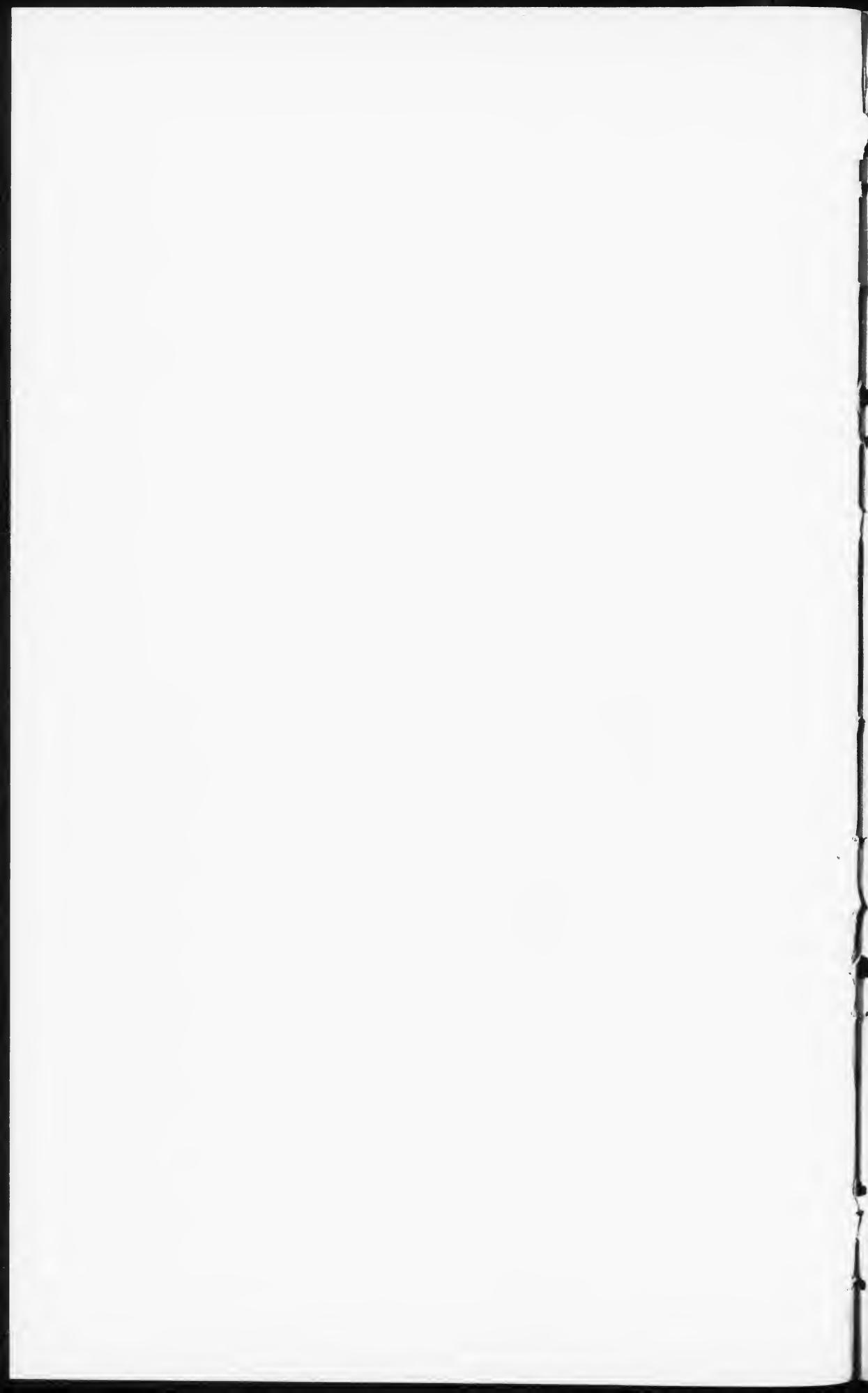
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|--------------------------|---|----|-----|----|-----|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Corning & Knobel Sta'n   | 1 | 13 | 2   | 27 | 230 | 80 50 | 40 90  | 3 60   |         | 125 00 |
| Clover Bend Mission      |   |    |     | 5  | 38  | 292   | 15 78  |        | \$28 00 | 43 78  |
| Imboden & Bl'k R'k Ct    | 1 | 25 | 3   | 18 | 159 | 39 60 | 6 00   | 3 50   |         | 49 10  |
| Jacksonport Mission      |   |    |     | 1  | 5   | 35    | 2 50   |        |         | 2 50   |
| Mam'th Sp'g & Willif'r'd | 1 | 20 | 2   | 10 | 125 | 20 00 | 20 00  | 7 00   |         | 47 00  |
| Newport Station          | 2 | 76 | 1   | 19 | 156 | 85 92 | 42 50  |        |         | 128 42 |
| Portia Circuit           |   |    |     | 4  | 30  | 200   | 17 04  |        | 14 00   | 31 04  |
| Pocanontas Circuit       |   |    |     | 4  | 27  | 139   | 9 75   |        |         | 9 75   |
| Reyno                    | " |    |     | 3  | 18  | 76    | 20 42  |        |         | 20 42  |
| Siloam                   | " |    |     | 4  | 30  | 225   | 14 25  |        |         | 14 25  |
| Smithville               | " |    |     | 2  | 9   | 85    | 28 29  | 7 00   |         | 35 29  |
| Tuckerman                | " |    |     | 6  | 42  | 242   | 20 00  |        | 5 00    | 35 00  |
| Walnut Hill Mission      |   |    |     | 2  | 5   | 50    | 2 00   |        |         | 2 00   |
| Walnut Ridge             |   |    |     | 1  | 15  | 106   | 27 78  |        |         | 27 78  |
| Total                    |   | 5  | 134 | 40 | 293 | 2070  | 383 83 | 116 40 | 19 10   | 52 00  |
| Total last year          |   | 3  | 57  | 38 | 256 | 1789  | 452 44 | 91 71  | 18 03   | 7 75   |
| Increase                 |   | 2  | 77  | 2  | 37  | 281   |        | 24 69  | 1 07    | 44 25  |
| Decrease                 |   |    |     |    |     |       | 68 61  |        |         | 1 40   |

## **SEARCY DISTRICT—1896**

|                              |     |     |    |     |      |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |    |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| Augusta Circuit.....         | 52  | 3   | 26 | 155 | 49   | 57  |    |    | 49 | 57 |    |     |    |
| Auvergne & Weldon C't        | 65  | 4   | 35 | 198 | 23   | 40  |    | 16 | 30 | 78 | 65 |     |    |
| Bald Knob Circuit.....       | 76  | 3   | 23 | 147 | 27   | 55  |    |    | 62 | 00 |    |     |    |
| Augusta Station.....         | 36  | 1   | 12 | 100 | 30   | 00  |    |    | 89 | 55 |    |     |    |
| Beebe and West Point.....    | 46  | 2   | 23 | 138 | 50   | 08  | 3  | 00 | 8  | 00 |    |     |    |
| Beebe Circuit.....           |     | 5   | 25 | 300 | 12   | 00  |    |    |    | 12 | 00 |     |    |
| El Paso Circuit.....         |     | 3   | 25 | 200 | 27   | 00  |    |    |    | 27 | 00 |     |    |
| Jacksonville Circuit.....    | 103 | 6   | 45 | 272 | 31   | 00  |    |    |    | 31 | 00 |     |    |
| Mineral “.....               | 37  | 1   | 22 | 187 | 26   | 50  |    |    |    | 26 | 50 |     |    |
| Mount Pisgah “.....          |     | 4   | 28 | 186 | 36   | 74  |    | 2  | 60 |    | 39 | 34  |    |
| Searcy Station.....          | 104 | 1   | 30 | 260 | 90   | 00  | 30 | 00 |    | 60 | 00 |     |    |
| Stony Point Circuit.....     |     | 1   | 6  | 30  | 5    | 15  |    |    |    |    | 5  | 15  |    |
| Union and Revel Circuit..... |     |     | 1  | 4   | 30   | 8   | 00 |    |    |    | 8  | 00  |    |
| Ward Mission.....            | 32  | 3   | 15 | 73  | 7    | 00  |    |    | 2  | 90 |    | 9   | 90 |
| West Searcy Circuit.....     |     | 2   | 11 | 75  | 3    | 00  |    |    |    |    |    | 3   | 00 |
| Total.....                   | 16  | 551 | 40 | 330 | 2351 | 426 | 99 | 33 | 00 | 29 | 80 | 281 | 30 |
| Total last Year.....         | 6   | 257 | 38 | 254 | 2274 | 477 | 39 | 54 | 45 | 26 | 80 | 9   | 00 |
| Increase.....                | 10  | 294 | 2  | 76  | 77   |     |    |    |    | 3  | 00 | 272 | 30 |
| Decrease.....                |     |     |    |     |      | 50  | 40 | 21 | 45 |    |    | 203 | 49 |

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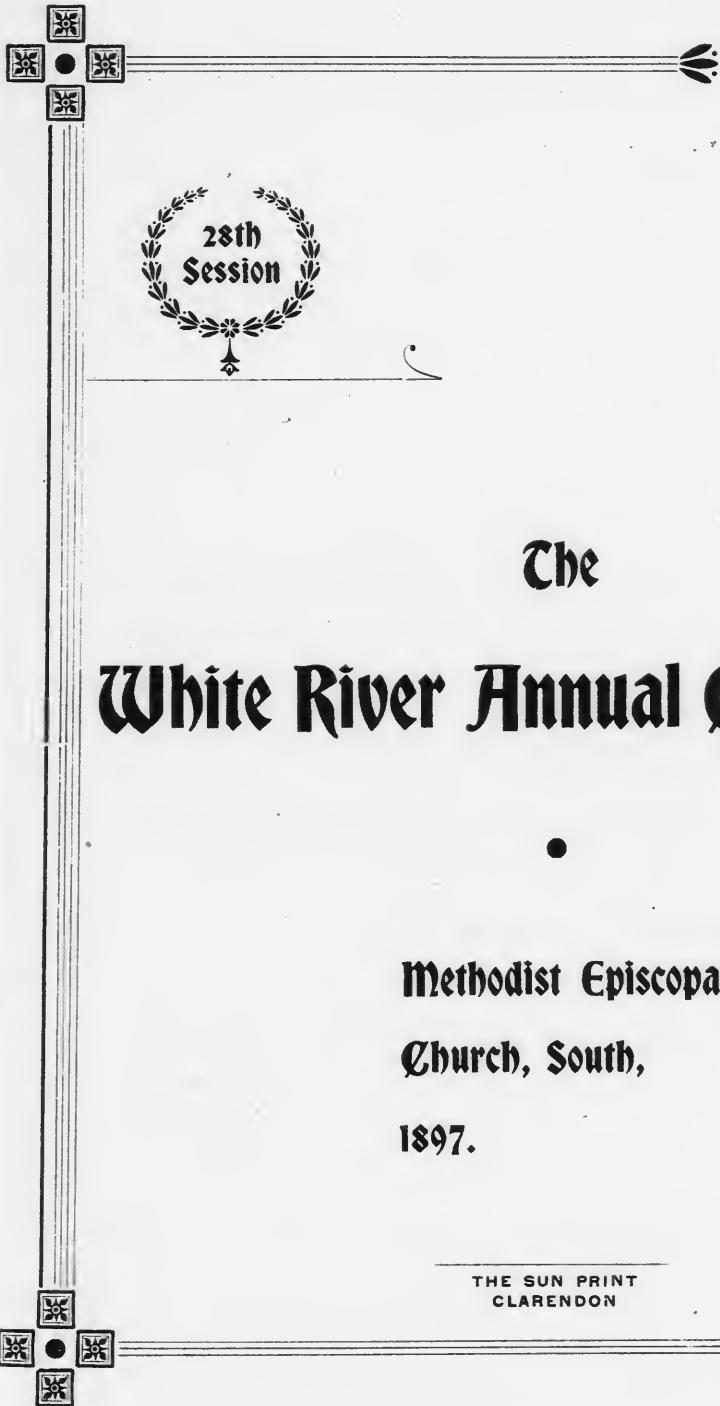
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|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
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| Anderson, W. W.    | 1883 | Jernigan, J. F.    | 1876 |
| Armstrong, J. F.   | 1871 | Little, Fred.      | 1896 |
| Babcock, S. H.     | 1893 | Manly, I. B.       | 1892 |
| Barrett, Frank     | 1892 | Manly, R. M. *     | 1889 |
| Bennett, Z. T.     | 1876 | May, H. E.         | 1892 |
| Bickley, E. N.     | 1892 | Maynard, J. I.     | 1885 |
| Bishop, W. E.      | 1890 | McDonald, J. B.    | 1894 |
| Bowen, T. A.       | 1893 | Morehead, R. C.    | 1891 |
| Branson, A. M. R.  | 1886 | Noe, F. R.         | 1882 |
| Brittain, R. G.    | 1848 | Pendergrass, W. A. | 1886 |
| Brooke, J. E.      | 1882 | Pitts, E. N.       | 1896 |
| Brown, J. C.       | 1895 | Register, S. W.    | 1882 |
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| Cochran, S. L.     | 1876 | Ritter, Frank *    | 1876 |
| Cox, H. B.         | 1896 | Ritter, J. C. *    | 1882 |
| Craig, L. C.       | 1890 | Roe, W. B.         | 1896 |
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| Davidson, G. G.    | 1897 | Sibert, J. D.      | 1895 |
| Davidson, W. C.    | 1894 | Skinner, A. F.     | 1895 |
| Dye, J. H.         | 1867 | Skinner, N. E.     | 1879 |
| Edmonson, H. C.    | 1892 | Smith, F. M.       | 1889 |
| Edwards, J. R.     | 1885 | Smith, M. M.       | 1879 |
| Eidson, John       | 1889 | Southworth, W. S.  | 1890 |
| Ellis, W. D.       | 1892 | Sterling, F. C.    | 1893 |
| Evans, S. D.       | 1884 | Talkington, J. M.  | 1873 |
| Farris, J. K.      | 1894 | Taylor, F. E.      | 1881 |
| Fisackerly, T. W.  | 1897 | Taylor, T. J.      | 1897 |
| Foster, W. R. *    | 1858 | Thrasher, J. M.    | 1896 |
| Gardner, N. E.     | 1892 | Toombs, W. C.      | 1893 |
| Graham, A. C.      | 1891 | Umsted, M. B.      | 1876 |
| Gregory, H. T.     | 1866 | Wallis, P. B.      | 1888 |
| Criffin, A. C.     | 1877 | Walker, W. F.      | 1894 |
| Grissett, R. H.    | 1888 | Watson, J. W.      | 1891 |
| Hall, W. E.        | 1895 | Watson, J. S. *    | 1879 |
| Harper, J. W.      | 1897 | Watson, W. M.      | 1867 |
| Hendrix, W. W. †   | 1888 | Williams, A. H.    | 1897 |
| Holloway, A. E.    | 1894 | Williams, J. M.    | 1897 |
| Hunt, H. H.        | 1896 | Williamson, T. B.  | 1888 |
|                    |      | Wilkerson, George  | 1896 |

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